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Cover

Are you ready for the 1995 VHF-UHF Field Day which will take place on 14-15 January 1995? Doug Friend VK4OE operated portable at Dorrigo in NSW in the 1994 VHF-UHF Field Day, and will be active in the 1995 Field Day. Of special interest in Doug's 1994 Field Day station was the array of four loop Yagis for 1296 MHz, with a homebrew mast-head power amplifier using four Mitsubishi M57762 power modules.

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Federal QSP

Perhaps, since this is effectively the Christmas issue, I might be permitted to say something about religion. "What!" I hear you say. "Bring religion into Christmas? Whatever next?"

I was fortunate enough to have grown up in those halcyon days when inflation was a constant and predictable low percentage and there was something called the basic wage linked to the cost-of-living. So you could be sure that anything bought on hire purchase would be paid for by regular wage increases. There were more vacancies than people to fill them and everyone leaving school was certain of a job. Anyone who had the ability and wanted to go to university was guaranteed a place and it was as close to being free as could be.

We are told that things had to change because the tariff barriers which were protecting Australian industry made it very inefficient, so that it was costing the taxpayer a lot. Was it costing the taxpayer more, I wonder, than the ten percent unemployment we seem to have exchanged it for?

But how things have changed. Now everyone has to compete for the few jobs in a manner reminiscent of the Chicago meatworks in 1922. Only those with an aggregate score above a particular value are able to compete with each other for the limited university and college places. Nursing is no longer a vocation and the places for student nurses are reserved for those with the best marks in maths and physics. Our judicial system has always been an adversarial system where, instead of seeking for the truth, the better presented case will be the winner. Everything seems to be competitive and polarised. If I have the job, you haven't. If you are right, then I must be wrong. Disagreement is everywhere. This is no less true of the amateur movement and has even been known to occur within the WIA Federal Council!

So I come at last to religion and the religion I want to talk about is the Quakers or The Religious Society of Friends to give them their full name. If they have a disagreement or a problem they refuse to settle it by a majority vote and leave a minority feeling disgruntled. Nor are they satisfied to achieve a consensus, which is only another way of saying compromise, in which no one is completely satisfied. They will go on talking until they find a solution which everyone can conscientiously accept. And the unexpected delight of all this is that often a novel and original solution will emerge that would not otherwise have been thought of.

Could we not as amateurs move against the trend to confrontation and settle our differences by looking for what is good or rational or acceptable in each others' position and try, for as long as it takes, to build on it to achieve a true agreement. This could be good practice to prepare

for the SMA's intended policy on the resolution of interference issues. No longer will we be able to adopt a holier-than-thou attitude and too bad for the neighbour so long as our transmissions are clean. The SMA will expect the parties to resolve the problem by mutual agreement and assistance, with the SMA acting as a consultant. If the problem remains unresolved it may act as arbitrator or refer the parties to a conciliator.

Something else which has changed is the meaning of the word "merry". In the original meaning of the word, I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

**Bruce Hedland-Thomas VK6OO
VK6 Federal Councillor
ar**

Editor's Comment

Consensus

I am about to confess to shameless plagiarism of the theme of Bruce Hedland-Thomas on the adjacent page, because it is so appropriate to our present situation, be it in employment, local, State or Federal government, and even, as Bruce says, in WIA affairs.

It was at the October meeting of Federal Council that Bruce gave me his draft QSP, and I suspect that he, as well as I, thought much about its

aptness as discussions proceeded. I would differ slightly about the meaning of the word "consensus", though. I feel it implies something more praiseworthy than "compromise", being in fact the best way of resolving all differences.

Bruce refers to society these days being "polarised", and again his assessment is "spot on". It is a fact that few things are entirely right and few entirely wrong, but usually fall somewhere on the grey-scale spectrum in between. Most of the world's problems are caused by those who doggedly insist on identifying with the extremes.

May I also wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Bill Rice VK3ABP
Editor
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■ Equipment Review

ICOM IC-738 All Mode HF Transceiver

Reviewed by Ron Fisher VK3OM*

As the saying goes, "when you're on a good thing, stick to it". At the same time, however, a few updates and improvements will never go astray. First, there was the IC-737 which I reviewed in the August 1993 issue of *Amateur Radio*. Then, with a few slight changes, the IC-737A. Now, with even more improvements, the IC-738.

Let's look at the first two quickly and then the new IC-738 in detail. Of course in between all of these, ICOM brought out the IC-736 which I reviewed in the July 1994 issue of our magazine. All four transceivers are closely related and from a distance would be impossible to pick apart.

Back to the beginning. The IC-737 was a high performance rig which lacked a few desirable features such as VOX, RF gain control and adequate metering. The IC-737A partially overcame this by adding VOX. The IC-736 included an RF gain control, better metering and, of course, six metre coverage as well as a built in AC power supply. It also introduced a one Hz tuning rate and display. There was no provision to operate the transceiver from a 12 volt

DC supply so the IC-736 is a dedicated base station only. Enter the IC-738 with all of the operating features of the IC-736, less six metres and the AC power supply.

The IC-738 is 12 volt powered so it is suitable for mobile or portable operation. For home station use you will need an external 13.8 volt power supply such as the PS-15, PS-30 or the PS-55, all of which are available from your ICOM distributor.

Features and Facilities

In order to save you referring to my two earlier reviews, I will run through the main features of the new IC-738. For a mobile transceiver it is fairly large. It is a bit difficult to relate this to ICOM's latest advertisements that claim "ICOM radios are getting sleeker and slimmer". It looks as if Duncan has lost a kilo or two but I am not so sure about the IC-738!

The overall dimensions are 111 mm high, 330 mm wide and 285 mm deep. Overall weight is 8.6 kg. One of the highlights of the series is the large LCD readout. Illuminated in bright orange with black numerals, the intensity can be adjusted by an

internal preset control. Following on from the earlier models, the "S" meter is rather dull. The transmitter covers all amateur bands from 160 to 10 metres while the receiver has full coverage from 30 kHz to 30 MHz. Operating modes for both transmit and receive are SSB, CW, AM and FM. The transceiver comes with three filters, a 2.1 kHz for SSB and CW, a 6 kHz for AM and a 12 kHz for FM.

Narrow CW filters are available as options. The one Hz tuning rate and readout introduced on the IC-736 is there in the IC-738. Front panel layout is unchanged from the IC-736 and the number and location of controls are the same as the original IC-737. However, the compression level control has been shifted to the rear panel to make way for the RF gain control and the "tune" button is now the meter switch. Meter functions are: "S" meter on receive and ALC, RF power output and SWR on transmit. These are selected sequentially with each push on the meter button, with the LCD indicating the mode selected. One important difference between the IC-738 and the IC-736 is that the final RF amplifier on the 738 is powered from the 13.8 volt line whereas the 736, with the benefit of an AC power supply, allows its final to run from a 40 volt line. However, as we shall see later, the intermodulation distortion performance of the IC-738 is very good none-the-less.

On The Air

I found it virtually impossible to pick any differences between the 738 and the 736. Again, an ICOM HM-36 hand microphone was supplied and, for the tests, I also used an SM-6 desk microphone. Transmitted audio was again rated as thin and slightly harsh. The speech processor was effective in adding a degree of punch to the signal. A generous 100 watts was obtained on all bands and intermod distortion was found to be better than -30 dB, an excellent result for a 13.8 volt powered transceiver. Overall, the receiver performed very smoothly except for the rather muffled audio response. The AM performance, in particular, sounded very woolly.

There was almost no difference in audio quality between SSB reception of an AM signal and the actual AM mode. I measured -15 dB at 3 kHz on



ICOM IC-738.

the IC-736 and it sounded just as bad on the IC-738. My guess is that the receiver audio amplifier has a sharp cut off above about 2 kHz and this affects all modes. There might well be a simple modification to overcome the problem. No doubt time will tell.

All of the great operating features of the IC-736 are retained with such things as the double band stacking register, the memo pads for quick entry of temporary memories and, of course, the one hundred and one normal memories all of which are fully tunable. Also the front panel key pad allows direct frequency input.

On Test

It soon became obvious that the overall performance of the IC-738 was identical to the IC-736 in almost all parameters except, of course, that the IC-738 does not operate on six metres. To save referring to the earlier IC-736 review, I will run through a few of the more important test results. Transmitter power output in the CW mode was in the range of 124 watts

on 160 metres to 107 watts on 10 metres. It is possible to reduce the power output down to about five watts with the "RF PWR" control. This control operates on all modes. Transmit intermodulation distortion was estimated to be just in excess of -30 dB as referred to normal SSB speech output which is very good for a 12 volt powered transceiver.

On the receive side, the sensitivity in SSB mode at 14.2 MHz was 0.14 µV for 10 dB SINAD. The "S" meter indicated S9 with an input of 20 µV measured with the "Preamp" switched in. Sensitivity and "S" meter indication was even across the bands. Once again I was not impressed with the quality of AM signals so I repeated the tests I carried out on the IC-736. The results were much the same. The -6 dB points were at 250 Hz and 2.2 kHz with the response down -16 dB at 100 Hz and 3 kHz.

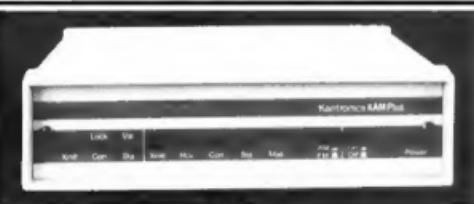
The notch filter produced a notch depth of -28 dB, however, I thought that the notch width was a bit too wide

at the top giving a rather hollow sound to the audio. Audio power output is excellent with more than the specified 2.6 watts being produced at less than 10% distortion and the product detector distortion still an amazing 0.3%. Stability tests came up with an even better result than I found in the IC-736, with total drift of less than 15 Hz over an extended operating period. Again I would very much like to try an IC-738 with the optional high stability master oscillator installed. Over all, an excellent result.

The IC-738 is one of the best performing transceivers on the market at the moment. Pity about the transmitted and received audio quality.

IC-738 Instruction manual

The instruction manual for the IC-738 also doubles for the IC-736. Well, why not. After all, the operation is exactly the same in 95% of their functions. The format of the book is very much the same with excellent



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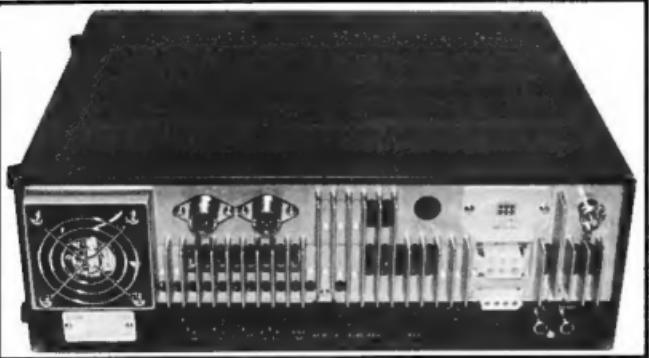
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Rear panel of the IC-738.

line drawings to describe operation. Photographs detail several adjustment points that could come in handy in the future. Again there is no technical description of how the IC-738 works. On the basis that the manual now covers two different models, I am going to drop my score rating one point to seven out of ten.

IC-738 Conclusions

There is no doubt that ICOM have responded to a demand for increased operating facilities with the IC-738. However, I have to ask a few questions. Why weren't they included in the original IC-737, as I asked in my original review? So, having gone this

far, why not a bit further? The biggest surprise is that an inbuilt AC power supply is not offered as an option. There is certainly room for it, and one fits very well into the IC-736. My other wish is that the positions of the RF gain and the squelch controls should be changed over, with the RF gain concentric with the AF gain and the squelch positioned as the minor control. Then, with a meter position for measuring compression, the IC-738 (or will it be the IC-739?) would rival the top-of-the-line transceivers on the market at the moment.

The IC-738 is priced at \$2901.20 which is nearly \$300 up on the price of the original IC-737. Of course, the IC-738 replaces both the IC-737 and 737A and these are no longer available.

Thanks to Duncan Baxter for the loan of our review IC-738 transceiver. For further information on availability of the IC-738, give Duncan a ring at ICOM on (008) 338 915.

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WIA News

Packet Radio Users and the Law

Since a telephone computer bulletin board user in West Australia copped a \$40,000 judgement in a defamation action earlier this year (see *WIA News*, May issue), there has been protracted debate among the radio amateur community about the liabilities of packet radio use.

Under the current radiocommunications regulations governing the amateur service, any packet radio station forwarding messages is responsible for their content. Add to this the situation under defamation law that any station operator transmitting or forwarding a message originating from another station having defamatory content is a "knowing publisher", even though their station automatically forwards messages. The originator and all forwarding stations are liable under defamation law.

The problem is, a practice has allegedly arisen in which packet operators use the callsigns of other stations to transmit messages which are possibly defamatory or otherwise in breach of the amateur regulations. Suggestions have been circulated that the "problem" could be readily circumvented by using software which provides for packet message "authentication" by users. Such authentication software employs encrypted character strings embedded in the packet message, but there has been concern that the use of this type of software may also transgress the amateur regulations.

A spokesman for the SMA has advised, in responses to individuals, that the existing and foreshadowed amateur regulations allow the use of such encrypted strings for authenticating packet messages. The SMA spokesman

has also indicated the Agency would be reluctant to legislate that authentication be mandatory, or to specify a particular system. Reduced regulation, wherever possible, is the aim.

To be on the safe side, packet BBS operators should store and view messages to confirm that the contents are not libellous or in breach of amateur regulations. Even with authentication, the SMA spokesman points out, Section 108(d) of the Radiocommunications Act 1992 places the onus on all licenses, including packet BBS operators, not to permit their stations to be used to affront, alarm or harass other people.

In the USA, the FCC places the onus on the originator and first PBBS station to keep the content of messages within the law. In Australia, it is every operator's responsibility.

■ History

Darwin Revisited WICEN and Cyclone "Tracy" — Christmas 1974

Ted Gabriel VK4YG* recalls the momentous events of 54 and 20 years ago.

This Christmas day marks the 20th anniversary of the devastation of Darwin by Cyclone "Tracy" and the massive relief effort to aid the stricken city and its citizens.

It was also the greatest challenge faced by WICEN and amateur radio operators. How this emergency was handled is fully described in the article "The Christmas of '74" in *Amateur Radio* of June 1985, Vol 53, No 6, page 18.

The WICEN National net for Darwin was activated by VK4YG and John Roberts VK4TL in Cairns when a request by Bob VK8RR, the Manager of OTC Darwin, for an urgent message to his headquarters in Sydney, that the OTC and VID, Darwin shipping radio, transmitter site had been wrecked.

This was the first official traffic which was handled by a WICEN operation that lasted for seven days and involved many amateurs nationwide and included the marathon effort by Slim Jones VK8JT at the Darwin Base Station.

My first acquaintance with Darwin was in May 1940 when, as a young RAAF pilot, I was posted to No 12 GP

Squadron located on the civil aerodrome at Parap.

In June 1940 the Anson flight was moved to the new RAAF base to form No 13 GR Squadron, flying Lockheed Hudsons.

No 13 was involved in action against the Japanese in the area north of Australia. It won many battle honours and was, along with No 2 Squadron, awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation.

My next visits to Darwin were in the 1950s as a pilot with Qantas. The city had recovered from the wartime bombing raids, was growing steadily and shedding the image of a wild and isolated frontier style town.

Following cyclone "Tracy" Darwin was again rebuilt, this time to modern building standards and cyclone regulations, to become an attractive tropical city.

The years passed and in 1990 I returned to take part in the 50th Anniversary of the RAAF base and the honouring of No 13 Squadron as the "City of Darwin Squadron".

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■ Antennas

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We may start with a 70 cm diameter x 12 mm thick steel baseplate to which 2 x 30 cm long x 50 mm steel tubes are mounted. These will sleeve into the two 6 metre heavy-wall cradle section steel pipes and locate them in place.

A recycled 200 litre (44 gallon) drum has the top removed and 2 x 50 mm holes drilled in the base (along

with other water drain holes around the drum base rim) so that it slides over the 30 cm steel tubes and then sits on the steel base plate. For more substantial operations, the 200 litre drum may be bolted to one, two or three additional drums which, when filled with ballast, increase both the base area and base mass and thus enhance all weather stability.

Once the drum is in place, the 6 metre cradle section is lowered into the drum and located on the two 30 cm pipe locators. Large pieces of local rubble, buckets of gravel, etc may then be used to fill the drum — this provides the base mass of stability whilst the base plate adds both mass and area to the base.

After ensuring the cradle section is vertical, the hinge is assembled and the 6 metre lattice mast section bolted in place, tilted over to the ground. A stepladder is needed for this assembly. Details of the hinge assembly are shown in Figure 1

(copied from "HINTS AND KINKS FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR ARRL 1974") but note that two U-bolts should appear on each 100 x 75 x 5 mm flat plate whereas the original sketch shows two on one side and only one on the other.

The lattice mast section has a 90 cm concrete counter weight poured "in situ" using 3 ply or heavy cardboard taped to the mast for formwork. The formwork may be removed the following day and the concrete counter weight kept damp for a few days.

This counter weight offsets the weight of a large HF array and may be correspondingly smaller if only VHF or UHF arrays are to be used.

The lattice mast, together with rotator and mast pipe if used, is then pulled horizontal and rested on a stepladder while the antenna is installed. The whole hinged section is then pulled vertical by a single hand rope and the locking bolt installed. The completed assembly is shown in Figure 2.

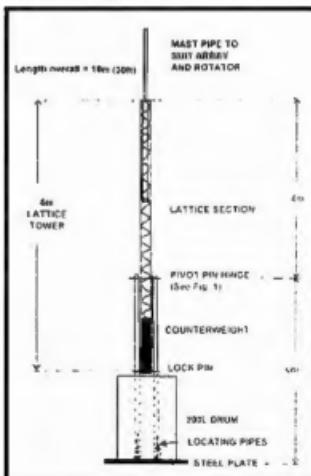


Figure 2 — Complete tower assembly.

More sophistication may be obtained by using a gin pole with boat winch, but it's not essential. Overall height is 10 metres (without masthead pipe) and I have used a 4 element 15 m/6 element 10 m quad on a 9 metre boom atop this unit quite successfully.

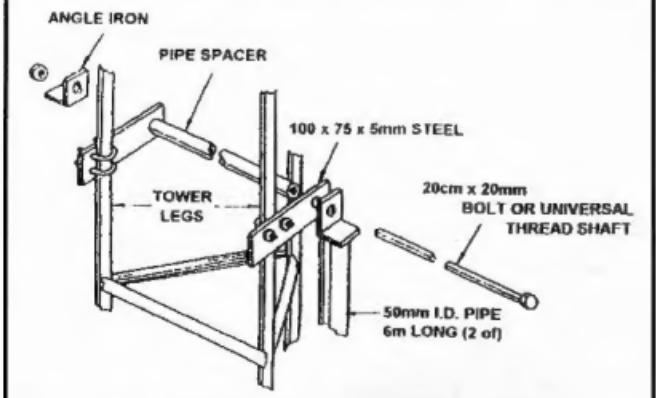


Figure 1 — Hinge bearing detail.

Some Council by-laws prohibit permanent antenna installations in excess of 10 m in height but, if such a transportable unit were built using a base support of 4 drums bolted together (Figure 3), stability without permanence could be achieved if the installation were to be a bit taller than 10 m.

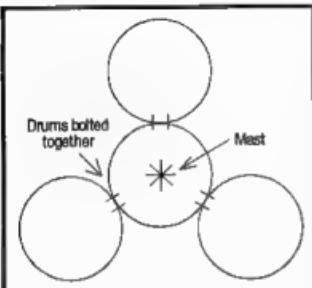


Figure 3 — Top view of tower assembly.

Parts List

- 1 x 200 litre (44 gallon) drum
- 1 x bag of concrete mix
- 1 x 70 cm diameter x 12 mm thick steel plate
- 2 x 30 cm x 50 mm OD heavy steel pipes
- 2 x 6 m x 50 mm ID steel pipes (2.5 mm wall)
- 1 x 6 m x 15 cm triangular mast section
(OR single pipe mast as an alternative)

Assorted pieces of strap iron etc for cradle section crossbracing (within 200 litre drum)

Hinge hardware (see Figure 1), paint to suit, welding rods, packing tape to hold formwork.

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■ Technical

The CRADBIG Charger

Reg Carter VK3CAZ* says it's "Crude, Rude And Disgusting But It Goes!" and then tells how.

During the months either side of the midwinter solstice a friend, reliant on Solar Panels to charge 360 Ah of 12 volt batteries powering his home, finds his rig pulls the energy out faster than the solar cells can put it in.

Consequently there was a need for a good 20 to 30 A battery charger. There are plenty of petrol-driven 12 volt (nominal) generator sets on the market but being designed to run 12 volt appliances they are pretty useless at charging batteries. As soon as the battery voltage nears 13 volts or so the charging current drops off and it takes a lot of petrol to fully charge the battery. A car alternator as supplied is really no better since it, too, is designed to run the car's electrical systems with its charging of the vehicle battery a somewhat secondary feature. Once the battery reaches 13.8 volts or so it ceases to charge at any appreciable rate and so fails dismally as a charging system.

So we set out to make a battery charger with a good output, starting off with a small 3 1/2 horsepower petrol engine mounted on a steel frame. A second-hand alternator (Lucas in our case) was obtained, checked out for serviceability and

then stripped down. The stator windings and output diodes were left strictly alone but all the regulator side feeding the rotor, or excitation coil, was removed leaving just the two brush holders. One of these brush holders was connected to the frame of the alternator and the other brush connection brought out as an external connection. Once the alternator had been re-assembled it was mounted on the frame so that it could be driven by a "Vee" belt (in the correct direction as shown by the arrow stamped on it) at about 2 to 2 1/2 times engine speed, as determined by the size of the pulley fitted to the driving engine. Then the alternator output connection and the frame of the alternator (its negative output terminal connection) were connected to the batteries via an ammeter capable of reading 40 A. The new connection for the excitation coil was returned to the positive output terminal of the alternator via a 32 cp (approx 18 watt) automotive direction indicator globe and an on/off switch as shown in Fig 1.

Once the petrol engine had been started and had warmed up, we ran it up to a speed of 1400-1500 rpm.

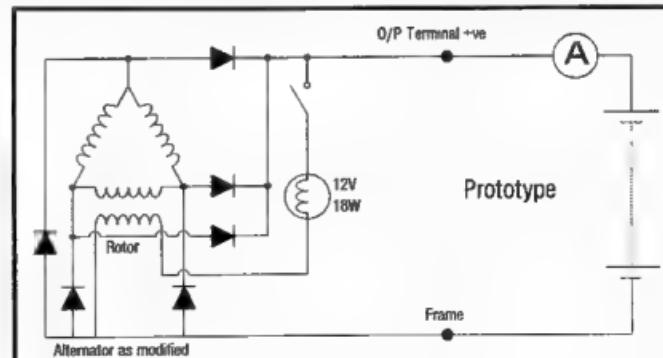


Fig 1.

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Did your November copy of *Amateur Radio* arrive late last month? Did you wonder why?

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However, it was worth waiting for, wasn't it?

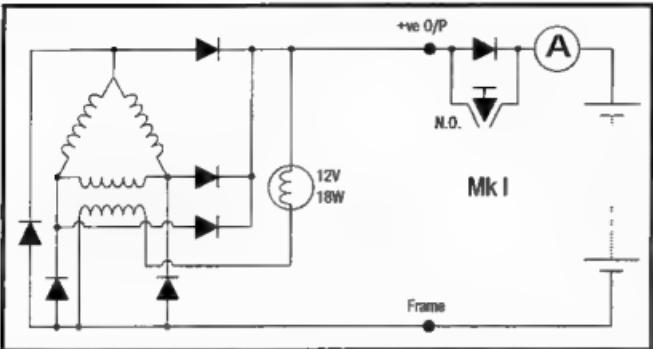


Fig 2.

Then the switch was closed so that (by later measurement) a current of about 2.2 A flowed in the rotor. The alternator was delivering around 20 A to the battery and this could be increased to 25-30 A by increasing the engine speed. The series globe in the excitation circuit provided a measure of output stabilisation since it was not at full brilliance and so if the output voltage of the alternator rose so did the resistance of the globe and consequently the excitation was reduced. We had a virtually constant voltage charging system.

This first model delivered about 60 Ah per litre of petrol so at Ballarat prices it was about 0.82 c per Ah. I rather like the new unit of Ah/l so will use that!

This prototype did, however, possess two flaws, one minor and the other major. The minor flaw was that if the petrol engine stopped for any reason some of the hard-won charge flowed back from the battery through the excitation coil and was wasted in lighting the series globe, until the switch was opened. This flaw was overcome by fitting a 70 amp diode, mounted on a heatsink, in series with the output lead and fitting a momentary-contact, normally-open, push-button switch rated at about 5 A to bypass the diode. The switch in series with the globe was removed and the lamp wired permanently to the output terminal connection, see Fig 2

Mark I

Now, in operation, once the petrol engine was running correctly the

push-button was momentarily depressed allowing the battery to initially excite the alternator. Once released the alternator excited itself and delivered its output. If the engine stopped, the diode, being reverse-biased, isolated the battery from the charging system thus remedying the first flaw.

The major flaw was that the system was so simple that there was little to go wrong and if the globe, the only thing that could fail, went open-circuit the system was "fail-safe". That, of course, is no way for an amateur-built thing to behave, so it had to be made more sophisticated so as to increase the probability of failure. By the way, have you ever looked up the original and still true meaning of the word "sophisticated" especially when used in the perfume industry. I am glad I make no claims of being sophisticated!

Anyway, in an attempt to

complicate the issue it was contemplated that we replace the single globe with three globes, of 6, 12 and 18 watts rating, each controlled by an individual on/off switch. This, it was felt, would permit the selection of six different charging rates as selected by single switches or combinations of switches. The Mark IA as shown in Fig 3, was stillborn as it was deemed not to be complex enough nor fallible enough!

It was finally decided that the only way to introduce enough fallibility into the system was to use semiconductors to control the excitation current. This, it was felt, would ensure sufficient failures to provide the maximum inconvenience when using the charger.

Thus emerged the Mark II controller as shown in Fig 4. This was built and proved disgustingly reliable and successful, giving outputs up to 40 A and being capable of so loading the engine as to stall it!

The semi-conductors were fitted with, or to, heatsinks; these being a "flag" for the BD139 and a Minifin section for the 2N3055. The whole unit was built into a metal box with the two large heatsinks for the 2N3055 and series diode being mounted on opposite ends.

Take your pick of excitation schemes but be warned that this is NOT a power supply, it is a battery charger! If you consult a GOOD book on the subject of lead-acid secondary cells, most of which you will find were written quite some years ago, it will point out that the terminal voltage of a lead-acid cell at "top of charge" is

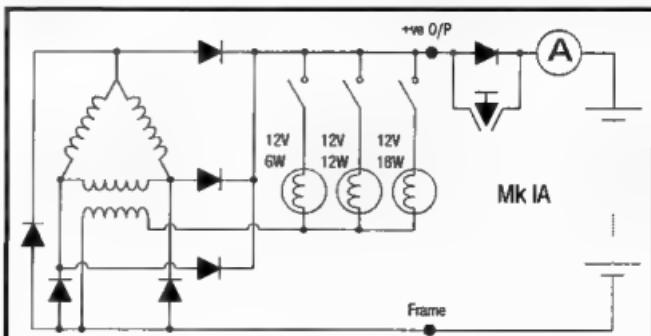


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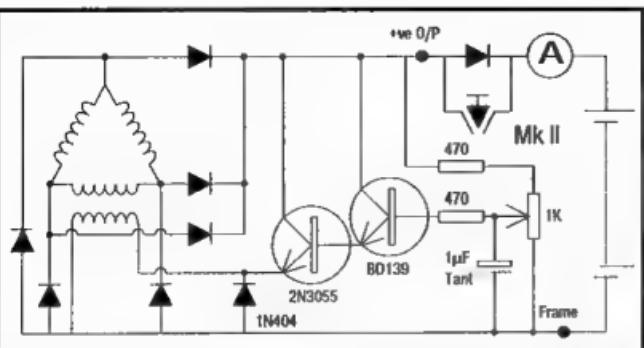


Fig 4.

between 2.5 and 2.8 volts per cell dependent on several factors including temperature, charge rate and acid density among others. That means that the terminal voltage of your battery when fully charged can be as high as 16.8 volts. If you allow for a little internal resistance such as is found in "the old battery used for field days" and have a charging current of 15-20 A then it may well exceed 17 volts. Should you be stupid enough to connect your precious rig

to a supply of that value it won't like it at all and you may let all the brown smoke out of the components so they don't work at all! So remember, if you build something like this, it is a BATTERY CHARGER.

Eric VK3FRO did all the hard work of making up the frame and mounting the bits plus turning my suggestions into hardware and any credit should really be his. Anyway the Mark II has delivered 30 A continuously for six hours without distress at a rate of about 75 Ah/l (I like that unit!)

Good luck and have a go choosing whichever Mark takes your fancy and will meet your needs. But remember, "what isn't there can't go wrong".

WIA News

Family Membership

A proposal from the VK7 Division that a "family membership" grade be investigated, has been recommended to the Federal Council by Jim Forsyth VK7FJ, Federal Councillor for VK7. The proposal is to be investigated by the new Federal Secretary, with a view to reporting to Council as to costs and feasibility at the next quarterly meeting in February, next year.

The NZART has a family membership grade. Details of its operation was described to the Federal Council by NZART delegates who attended the WIA's Federal AGM in May.

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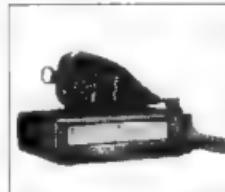
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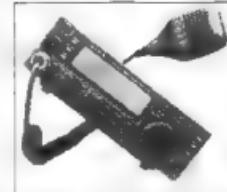
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Digital

A PLL Carrier Detector for the 7910 Packet Modem

Lou Destefano VK3AQZ* further improves his packet modem.

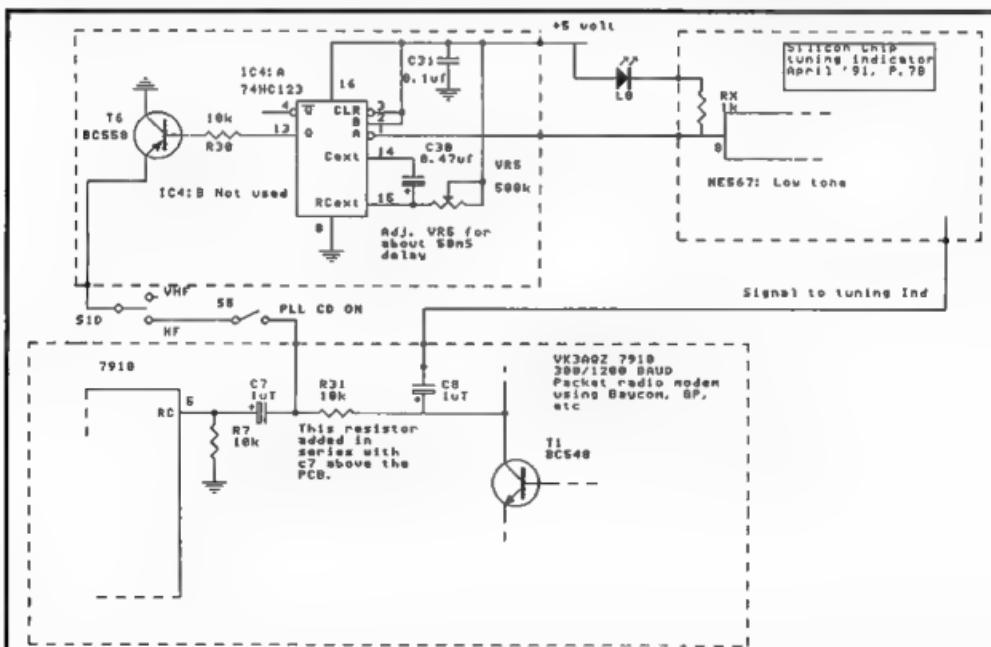
The 7910 300/1200 Baud packet radio modem uses the carrier detector function within the 7910 chip for determining channel activity. Some software uses the chip's carrier detected squelch to commence transmission. In addition to the presence or absence of data, Baycom also uses software bit count detection, and this can be selected by setting the Carrier parameter to 0 or 1. Because the 7910 was designed for telephone line use, the carrier detect circuit triggers with moderate levels of noise, and thus prevents the

software from commencing transmission, even though the channel is clear of packet signals. Software detection is an improvement, but still not satisfactory. This problem mainly affects HF packet. VHF packet normally uses FM, which uses a separate mute in the receiver, and thus does not present a problem.

The modem circuit I built incorporated a tuning indicator system published in Silicon Chip, which uses a pair of phase locked loop chips (NE567) as narrow band

tone detectors. It was noticed that the tuning indicator LEDs did not come on with noise as readily as the carrier detect LED on the 7910. Because the NE567 is a PLL device, a tone needs to be received before it locks up properly. Using this information, I built a simple interface between the tuning indicator and the 7910 which acts as an audio squelch into the 7910. The circuit consists of a re-triggerable monostable (74HC123) which is driven by the NE567 and turns a squelch transistor off in the presence of one of the packet tones.

The tuning indicator uses one PLL chip for the packet low tone and one for the packet high tone. It was found that it was only necessary to interface to one detector and a small delay used to span the time interval of the other tone. The delay was also necessary to stop the squelch transistor pulsing the input to the 7910 at the data rate and confusing the modem. After some experimentation, I adjusted the timing trim pot for around 50 to 100 msec. If this time is too long, your transmission delay will be extended, which will slow up the



data throughput. The 74HC123 consists of two monostables and it was intended to use one for each tone. However, this is not necessary and so the other one is left unused.

The output of the monostable is fed into a PNP transistor (T6) which is connected to the junction of the coupling capacitor feeding the input of the 7910 (pin 5), and a resistor going to the collector of the amplifier transistor, T1. Resistor R31 is added by removing the positive lead of the 1 µF Tantalum capacitor from the PCB, and placing the resistor between this flying capacitor lead, and the PCB hole. Make sure the resistor goes into the correct hole which takes it to the collector of T1 and effectively provides DC power to the squelch transistor. If you have a CRO, connect it to the junction of R31 and C7 and observe the unmuting action of T6 when the low tone LED lights up. Adjust VR5 so that there is no pulsing at this point with packet data, and a suitable delay exists after the tone drops off.

The monostable input is derived from pin 8 of the NE5567 and this point goes low when the correct tone is received. It is a negative going pulse and so it is fed into the negative trigger input of the 74HC123. The Q output of the 74HC123 is used to drive the PNP squelch transistor. When the Q output is low, T6 is turned on and effectively shorts the incoming audio to ground. When the Q output goes high, the transistor turns off and the audio is allowed to enter the 7910. I could have tried to squelch the TTL side of the 7910 output, but I was concerned about the effect of pulsing the data line on and off. However, the extra delay available using that method would be beneficial. With the method used here, you can observe the carrier detect LED coming on and off, which is handy when setting the receive level. After the addition of this circuit, I find I can turn the audio level up considerably higher before noise starts to affect the packet transmission.

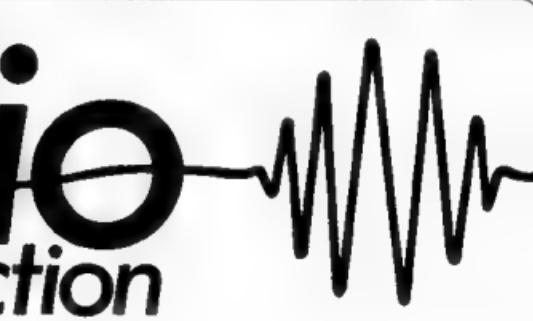
The muting transistor connects to

the main PCB via an on/off switch and a fourth pole of the VHF/HF selector switch. This disables the muting function on VHF as it is not needed. The other switch was added so that I could observe the effectiveness of the mute, and also disable it if I felt it affected the receive in any way. In practice I now leave it on all the time. As there are only a few parts I built the unit on a small IC test pad PCB board that you can buy from Tandy and other electronics hobby suppliers. A piece of matrix board would also suit.

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■ Technical

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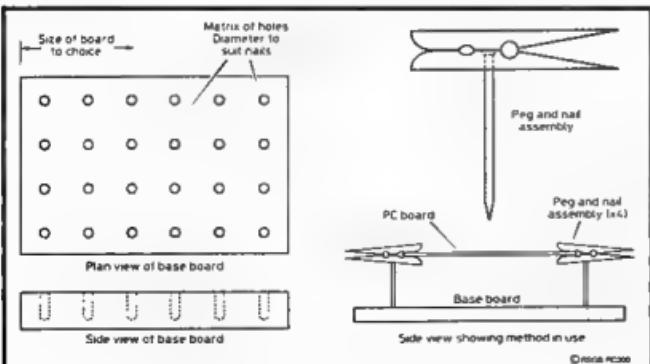
Gill Sones VK3AUI

Peg Vice for Printed Circuit Boards

Holding and manoeuvring components and printed circuit boards together with other tools is difficult. A holder or vice is useful but they can be expensive if used infrequently. A simple and cheap device was described in the October 1994 issue of *Radio Communications* in "Novice Notebook" by Ian Keyser G3ROO. The idea comes originally from John G0FZW and uses nails, clothes pegs, and a piece of board to produce a versatile vice for holding a printed circuit board (PCB) while you work on it.

Parts count for the device is very small being only four nails, four clothes pegs and a scrap of wood. The pegs should preferably be made of wood with a spring closer.

The Peg Vice is shown in Fig 1. A suitable piece of board is selected as the base for the device. A scrap of particle board or the offcut from a plank would be suitable. A matrix of holes is drilled in the base to suit the size of the nails being used. The holes should be slightly larger than the nails and should be drilled about 10 mm deep.



The clothes pegs should be wooden, for preference, but plastic could be used. Drill a hole in each peg to suit the nails being used. The nails should have their heads removed. Insert the blunt head end of the nails into the holes in the pegs. You may be able to just push the nails tightly into the holes in the pegs. A spot of glue may be required.

This simple device will free your hands while working on a printed circuit board.

To use the vice the pegs are clipped to the edges of the PCB and the nails slipped into suitable holes in the base. The PCB is then conveniently supported whilst inserting components. To solder the parts place a piece of cardboard over the PCB and invert the board and re-clip the pegs to hold the PCB whilst soldering and trimming leads.

This simple device will free your hands while working on a printed circuit board. The cost is very small and the device can be quickly made to suit the job on hand.

Simple HF Fox Hunt Equipment

A simple technique to use a small portable radio as an HF direction finder was published in the August issue of *QST*. The authors were O G Villard Jr W6QYT, G H Hagn and J M Lomasney WA6NIL from SRI International.

The system uses a small portable radio, such as a SONY ICF 7600, held on a metal plate. An enhancement to reduce user body effects is the use of a simple Faraday cage made from a mailing tube and wire.

Basically the radio is mounted on a square conductive plate with the whip antenna extended along the diagonal of the square plate (see Fig 2). The antenna should always be in the plane of the plate. Fig 3 shows how the radio's whip is pointed end on with respect to an incoming radio wave. The wave has parallel fronts and so the whip is aligned so as to be perpendicular to the electric field. No RF current is induced in the whip except as a result of field distortion caused by the radio itself. If the re-radiated energy is electrically symmetrical with respect to the whip, however, the antenna will still null the signal.

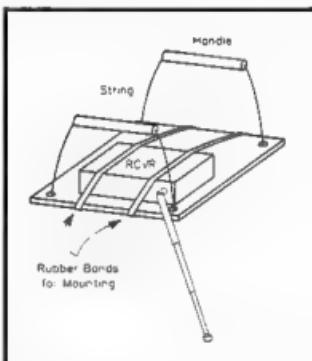


Fig 2 — Receiver Mounting on conductive plate. The whip should lie along the diagonal and be in the plane of the plate. Rubber bands hold the receiver in place.

By mounting the radio on a conductive plate as shown in Fig 2 the reflected energy is symmetrical. In the null direction neither the incident wave nor the backward

directed symmetrical receiver scatter induce signal energy into the whip and the radio. The null direction is the diagonal of the plate extended in the direction of the whip. The result is a clean null if there are no additional signal sources present.

Small portable receivers are thin enough to mount face up on the metal plate. The radio is grounded to the plate and is then effectively part of the plate. The plate could be a sheet of printed circuit laminate. The plate plus receiver as shown in Fig 2 and Fig 3 are equivalent electro-magnetically to the plate alone. A good null is obtained when the incident wave is aligned with the receiver whip. The wave re-radiated from the receiver also has a null in that direction. The whip must lie along an extension of a diagonal of the plate and must be in the same plane as the plate.

The length of the whip is not critical. A long whip will give a bigger signal but may be awkward. If the whip is too short the reduced sensitivity will be accompanied by a poorer bearing accuracy. The plate can be a sheet of metal or a piece of printed circuit board laminate or even a card covered in aluminium cooking foil. The plate should be somewhat larger than the radio so as to accommodate the shape of the radio and the asymmetric whip mounting on the radio.

The whole setup is suspended from non-metallic strings and held clear of your body whilst rotating it to find the null. Elastic bands should be used to secure the radio to the plate. This will help maintain the radio position fixed with respect to the plate and help you to avoid dropping it. The null will be along the line of the whip and the diagonal of the plate.

To reduce sensitivity and make a null more apparent a partial Faraday screen can be used. This is placed over the whip and it will also help with re-radiation effects from nearby objects such as your body. The screen can be made simply and cheaply from a plastic or cardboard tube by taping some wires to it. The construction is shown in Fig 4. A suitable tube would be a mailing tube or an offcut of plastic conduit.

Body absorption can be used also

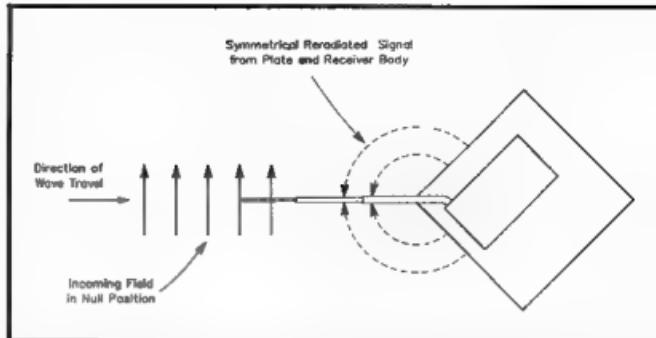


Fig 3 — Field lines of the incoming wave are perpendicular to the whip and induce no voltage in it. The receiver mounted on the conductive plate is symmetrical with respect to the whip. Parts of the end-on incoming signal wave are uniformly scattered and don't upset the antenna null by inducing voltage into the whip.

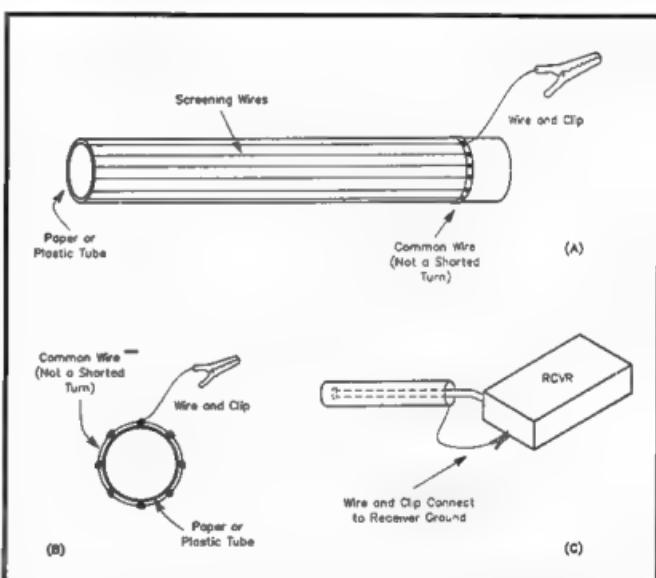


Fig 4 — Faraday shield over the whip reduces signal pickup and makes directional nulls more apparent. (A) is a side view. (B) is an end view. (C) shows the Faraday shield in place. Use tape to hold the wires in place.

as a check on the direction. Hold the radio with the whip in the Faraday screen vertically against your body and turn around. The signal will suffer greatest absorption to your rear where body absorption is greatest. This can be used to check the null obtained.

This seems to be a simple

technique but it could be used to good effect backing up other more sophisticated equipment. It would also be useful in tracking down noise sources with simple equipment. You should be ready to explain to interested onlookers though as the strange antics will not go unnoticed!

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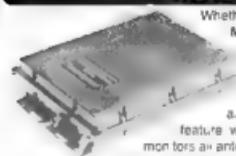


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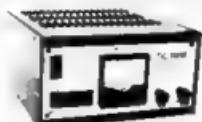
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Roof Top Run — January '94

Jack Bramham VK3WWW* found out about the Roof Top run in the best way short of actually running in the event. His account was previously published in the EMDRC Bulletin.

I had been looking forward to this event for quite some time so, with eldest daughter Erica in tow, we left Melbourne on New Year's Eve headed for Falls Creek. Upon arriving there we decided to move out further to escape the New Year's Eve revellers. We found a few family groups at Langford's Gap West caravan park who had decided that 2130 was close enough to celebrate the new year.

Saturday, 1 January. Temperature 2.5°C.

The weather was looking fine for our 8 km hike from Watchbed Creek to Roper's Hut. We were to join up with two other hikers but by 1230 they had not arrived so we pressed on. This is where the hard work started, with Erica complaining that her pack was rubbing. I relieved her of it and strapped it to the top of mine. With this problem out of the way we continued on and after many rests finally arrived at Roper's Hut around 1600. We were both totally exhausted and it took me about thirty minutes to recover sufficiently for the job of setting up antennas.

Bob VK3UI had told me that this location was bad for transmitting so I had brought in a 4 element Yagi, a 6 m mast, a small 2 m linear, two 6.5 Ah gel cells, a 1.2 Ah gel cell, a dual band HT and a 2 m HT plus plenty of patch leads, power cables, tools, etc. I was determined to open up either VK3RNE or VK3RHO. While setting up the mast I had left my 2 m HT monitoring VK3RNE, but not expecting to hear anything, I was surprised to hear Bob come on. Did this mean that I didn't need all the extra equipment? A quick call to Bob confirmed that I was readable into the repeater on 5 watts using a rubber ducky antenna. Didn't Murphy say

something like "if you don't have it you will be sure to need it". I proved that the reverse is also true "if you take it you won't need it".

Sunday, 2 January

At 0545 the VK3AWI operator stirred us into action with a wake up call. Weather conditions were not good. With gale force winds on the summit of Bogong and also Mt Hotham the runners were in for a tough time. Light rain had been falling since about 0430.

The race started at 0623 but the first runner was not due to reach our checkpoint until about 0915 so there was plenty of time to have breakfast and prepare ourselves. Our checkpoint was manned by myself, my daughter and two ladies who had an interest in the race but also wanted to experience some of Victoria's beautiful high country.

We could hardly believe that the first runner to reach us had just run from Mountain Creek at the base of Mt Bogong, up the staircase to the summit, along to Maddison's Hut, down across the Big River and up Duane Spur following the Alpine walking track to our checkpoint. He looked as though he had just started 200 metres down the track! Most of the runners were in a similar state but this fellow continued in this vein throughout the entire event. Even after he had run the 60 km from the start to the finish at the summit of Mt Hotham he still had enough energy to run from the summit down to where his car was parked, get a pullover and then run back up to the top again in time to watch the next competitor arrive!

At 1330 the last bunch of runners arrived at our check point. After strapping up one slightly sprained ankle and feeding them with fruit,

lollies and chocolate we filled their water bottles and they were on their way again. Our job was over and we could pack up our gear for the walk out. The return trek was a bit easier for me as I had by this time managed to offload about 14 kg of gear onto the back of a friendly hiker. Back at the car we stowed everything away and headed for the "Cosy Kangaroo" in Bright where it was good to eat some real food and chat to some of the other operators and also a few of the runners.

Monday, 3 January 0045

Back home again after a very enjoyable experience but, for the life of me, I can't work out who is crazier, the runners or us! Later in the afternoon before putting everything away I weighed my pack as it would have been when we started out and it came to 43 kg excluding the water bottle and food. Be assured, next year the contents will be severely pruned. On second thoughts perhaps I should just enter the race instead. Hi! Hi! Thanks to Bob and the boys for a very well organised event.

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QSP News

Canadian Radio Amateur Elected to Key ITU Post

At the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Kyoto, Japan on 30 September, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) elected Canadian radio amateur Robert W Jones VE3CTM to replace retiring Richard C Kirby WOCLT as Director of its Radiocommunication Bureau.

VE3CTM is currently the Director General of the Radio Regulatory Branch, under Industry and Science Canada, which regulates amateur and other radio service. His work with the ITU began in 1975 in preparation for the 1977 and 1979 World Administrative Radio Conferences (WARCs). He attributes his professional interest in radiocommunications to having become a licensed radio amateur as a teenager in 1959.

News item supplied by David Wardlaw VK3ADW

■ Digital — Humorous Packet Explained for the Beginner

Chris Davis VK1DO* originally wrote this humorous look at packet radio for the ACT Divisional broadcast.

Here in the ACT, the packet group have done their usual excellent job presenting a back to basics evening. You might have missed it? However, it's not too late. Now you can absorb the wonderful novelties and unique qualities of the renowned world of packet. Here are a few valuable tips.

This specially prepared article is written by our skilled correspondent whose background includes diverse keyboard experience, and an innate knowledge of matters packet. What this writer doesn't know about packet is anyone's guess.

So then, back to basics. Some readers will be baffled by the terminology used in many technical articles. Don't worry. Just read on steadily and the jargon and terms will be broken down word by word, term by term.

First there is the term Packet. Some misguided types have tried to propagate some nonsense about data communications and the way in which the mode sends data in groups called packets. This is incorrect. The term PACKET stands for **P**rotocol **A**rranging **C**ommon **K**nowledge **E**xcluding **T**ruth.

The term KISS stands for **K**eep **I**nterfering **S**everal **S**tations simultaneously.

Some operators who have experimented with the mode TCP/IP somehow manage to delude themselves that it is some sort of fast reliable file transfer mode. A routine examination of the band during its operation will reveal that TCP/IP stands for **T**ransmit **C**ontinuous **P**acket **I**nterference **P**rogressively.

Having covered some of the terms relating to protocols and modes, perhaps I should cover some of the terms you are likely to encounter when you have actually connected to

someone or something. Firstly there is BULLETIN. In day to day life this is a well respected journal. In packet it means something quite unrelated. BULLETIN stands for **B**asically **U**seless **L**isting **L**acking **E**ntertainment **T**aste **I**nteresting **N**obody.

DIGIPEATING is another misunderstood term bandied about by the nervous packet gurus who try and disguise what they are actually up to. Some creative types have claimed that DIGIPEATING relates to the extension of one's range by using another person's station.

DIGIPEATING actually stands for **D**on't **I**nstall **G**ood **I**sopols **P**urposely **E**very **A**ntenna **T**hat **I**nfiltrates **N**owhere **G**oes.

So what about NODES? NODES stands for **N**obody **O**n **D**eck **E**xcept **S**ysop. Sysop is another one. SYSOP stands for **S**end **Y**our **S**ignals **O**n **P**hone.

Then there is NETROM of course. A very useful cheery abbreviation. NETROM stands for **N**othing **E**lse **T**o **R**eport **O**ld **M**an.

Don't forget RETRY. RETRY stands for **R**eally **E**xpecting **T**o **R**espond **Y**esterday.

Another popular term is LINKSTATE. LINKSTATE stands for **L**ast **I**tem **N**ot **K**nown **S**end **T**o **A**nywhere **T**race **E**xcluded.

BBS stands for **B**and **B**usy **S**till.

And last but not least there is BYE. Once you type this on your terminal, BYE describes what is happening on the band while you are away. **B**urning **Y**our **E**ars.

I hope you feel enlightened! So, NETROM for now.

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WIA News

New WIA Members

The WIA bids a warm welcome to the following new members who were entered into the WIA Membership Register during the month of October 1994

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■ Operating Forever Courteous

Bob Hawksley VK2GRY* has a word or two about the old-world niceties of CW operating.

In this troubled world there's a group of individuals embracing every race and creed but who are distinguished from the rest of mankind by being courteous to a fault. Dating from the moment the trade of telegraphist came into being, today the group consists largely of ham operators whose numbers now reach into the millions.

Yet ham operators are not noted for gregariousness. Rather, they prefer to spend much of their time alone surrounded by their apparatus. Like star to faint star they call to each other across the sky and since they know nothing of rank their conversations bear witness to their love for one another.

Never in my years of CW operating have I ever copied a harsh or cross word. On phone, regrettably, I've heard the occasional lapse but on CW never. Within that pristine and disciplined medium the chit-chat is replete with the milk of human kindness and an enormous reluctance to say goodbye. Whereas at the start of a contact this characteristic may not be apparent it soon becomes so, as one follows it through. Let me give a typical example, fictitious, of course, lest anyone thinks I'm getting at them!

I hear a CQ. Wondisi. Don't often hear anybody from that region. I reply. And Wondisi replies. Good. Another bit of rare DX for the log. Wondisi is brief and to the point, nothing lavish: TKS FER CALL = UR RST 579 = QTH UMDALA = NAME TONI = HW?

My reply is in a similar vein: 589, QTH SYDNEY NAME BOB. Toni replies: FB FB SOLID DR BOB OM. Dear Bob Old Man? A touch familiar to stern Australian ears but fairly common from some parts of the world. The French sometimes say Dear Bob Old Boy but I suspect it is

to give themselves moments of the utmost hilarity. Like Australians taking off the Poms. It is hilarious. Toni continues: RIG ERE 1 KW ES 3-EL BEAM = WX FINE 32C = HW DR BOB OM?

I trot through the same agenda rig, ant, and wx (I baulk at saying DR TONI OM) and then I play the QSL card ploy which is a polite way of saying I can't think of anything else to say. Back comes Toni: R R DR BOB OM = SURE QSL FB FB = HW UR FAMILY?

Ah! For some peoples talk of family is *de rigueur*. In parts of Asia it is rare to get down to the nitty gritty without a full and frank disclosure of family. It provides an opportunity for parents to bemoan the trials and tribulations of bringing up their children or to bask in the reflected glory of their achievements. Toni doubtless has been fretting to get to the topic because not to do so would be, for him, the height of courtesy. So I rattle back appropriate details including grandchildren and Toni replies: FB FB DR BOB OM = HVE 5 WIFES 5 WIFES 10 BOYS 10 BOYS 8 GIRLS 8 GIRLS = U CUM UMDALA ES MKE QSO DR BOB OM = HW?

I reply with proper praise and avoid the more earthy response of FB SOLID OM HI and then say that since I am an OT I must QRT soon so that I can go to bed/dinner/out, whichever excuse seems appropriate, and I

conclude with 73s to TONI and his family and I hope to see him again and good luck and good DX and sure I'll QSL and even as I do so I realise that it would be unthinkable for me to say anything less because not to do so would be terribly rude .

For good measure I even add VA though VA no longer seems to mean what it used to mean: *I am ceasing transmitting*. Today it's more like: *He seems to be more or less at the end of our chat but if you want to carry on then go for your life because I've got all night*.

Toni is well versed and doesn't miss a beat. OK OK BOB DR OM ES VY GLD MEET U ES SURE U CUM UMDALA ES QSO WID FAMILY ES WIFES ES NW 73 73 ES SURE QSL ES CUAGN GD DX DR BOB OM GN GB E E.

To which I make a suitable reply but stop short of reciprocating the invitation because accommodation is limited and I can scarcely remember the name of my own family let alone one with 18 children and 5 wives. So I sign gently off and VA for the second time.

Unabashed Toni chimes back: FB BOB DR OM ES TKS FER FB QSO ES WEN U CUM UMDALA FB WELCOME 73 ES CUAGN ES GD DX GN GB AR E E. To which I reply E E and Toni EE's and then, without batting an eyelid he bursts into full-flighted CQ song and he's away again

I glance at the clock and realise I've been nattering for 32 minutes. I enter the log and then quietly creep along the band hoping to have one of those quick, simple and unencumbered contacts where RST, name and QTH are exchanged and that's the lot. Courtesy is lively but it does take time!

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**Repeaters — additions, deletions,
alterations. Have you advised
the WIA Of changes needed to
the Repeater List?**

■ Technical

Another Tip for Using the Noise Bridge

Lloyd Butler VK5BR* describes a method of achieving higher resistance resolution with the usual type of noise bridge.

Bridge Configuration

The elements of the RF bridge are a signal source, a balancing network and a signal detector. The usual form of bridge utilises a signal source which is set to frequency of measurement. This form of bridge operates with an untuned detector which, in effect, is a broadband circuit (refer Fig 1).

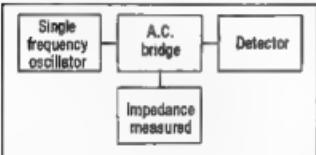


Figure 1 — Conventional form of RF bridge.

The noise bridge, used in amateur radio to measure the impedance components of antenna circuits, reverses the arrangement. The signal source is broadband or untuned and the frequency of measurement is set by a tuned detector, normally the radio shack receiver (refer Fig 2). This simplifies the equipment as the signal source is provided by a simple noise generating circuit and a built in detector is not required.

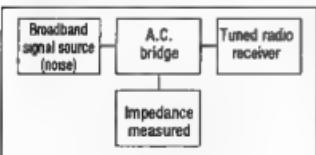


Figure 2 — Noise bridge.

Use of Single Frequency Source

In general the noise bridge balances with a sharp null to give defined readings of resistance and

reactance on the respective dials. However, I have found that for certain combinations of the two components, the resistance null can be very broad making it difficult to decide on the precise value of resistance component. I have noticed this effect, in particular, when the measurement unknown has dominant inductive reactance and the resistance component is small.

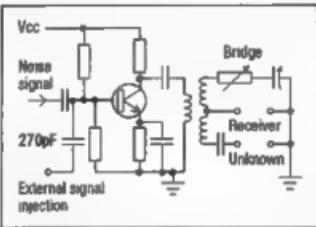


Figure 3 — Modification to noise bridge for external signal.

The resistance balance resolution can be sharpened up by substituting a single frequency signal source for the noise signal (in effect, reverting to the configuration of Figure 1). In my own bridge, I have fitted an external terminal pin connected via a capacitor into the base of the last amplifier transistor which couples the noise signal into the bridge network (refer Fig 3). Connecting my test bench signal generator into the terminal feeds its signal into the bridge network. The signal level from the generator is set high enough to override the noise source. For a receiver operated in the SSB or CW mode, an unmodulated signal is used to produce a beat note at the receiver audio output. The bridge is adjusted for a null in that output or a minimum reading of the S meter (if fitted). If the signal generator has amplitude modulation of tone, this can also be

used with the receiver set for AM mode.

I have not attempted to examine too deeply the reasons for the improved resolution but I suspect it is related to the significant receiver bandwidth. Receivers used for AM and SSB have a bandwidth of at least several kilohertz. Basically, the noise bridge network is a capacitance balancing circuit not critically affected by frequency when measuring fixed capacitance. However, when inductance is measured, the inductive reactance is subtracted from an internal capacitive reactance and the resultant capacitive component is frequency dependent. Furthermore, if the measured impedance is an antenna system, its components will be frequency dependent regardless of whether it looks capacitive or inductive. Considering these factors, one can well imagine the bridge having better resolution when operating at a single frequency than when operating with a signal spread over several kilohertz as defined by the receiver bandwidth.

For a receiver equipped with a narrow band crystal filter, one might consider switching in the filter as an alternative means to restrict the bandwidth and hence improve resolution of the bridge measurement. I haven't had a suitable receiver to experiment with this but I can anticipate one possible problem. Signal power detected in the receiver from the noise source is directly proportional to the receiver bandwidth and the narrowed bandwidth might reduce the noise source level too much for fine adjustment near the balance point of the bridge. This could defeat the initial objective in improving resolution. There is no such problem in using the single frequency signal source as signal power of the single frequency is not affected by bandwidth.

This simple modification, to allow external signal injection, is well worth while. I have made use of it many times when the adjustment null, using the noise source, was not well defined. The single frequency source often sharpens up resolution of the null very nicely.

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ALARA

Sally Grattidge VK4SHE, ALARA Publicity Officer

First, a reminder to all those YLs who have been asked to tell their stories for the history being compiled by Federal Historian, John Edmonds. Please do not leave this in the "too hard" basket for too long. You don't have to create a literary masterpiece, just a short friendly letter telling something of what it was like being a woman in amateur radio in the early days.

Only three replies from VK4 so far (results in the other states unknown), so come on ladies, do it now, before you are up to your ears in Christmas cards.

It is nice to hear two new calls on the Monday night net. Welcome to Elaine VK4MEM, secretary of Gympie ARC and zucchini grower, and Diane VK4MFP from Logan City in the Brisbane area.

Summer is here with the usual increase in noise on 80 metres, so just a reminder that there are two Queensland nets for YLs in that state who have difficulty hearing the Southerners on Monday nights. The VK4 YL net originates in Townsville on Friday nights at 0930 UTC, somewhere near 3575 kHz, and the DRL (D strict Radio Ladies) comes from Rockhampton every second Thursday at 1100 UTC, also near 3575 kHz.

Christine VK5CTY visited her family in Melbourne recently, but also met with some other ladies. She spent a day with Bron VK3DVF and Gwen VK3DYL discussing ALARA matters, as well as enjoying their company.

Christine and her OM Geoff VK5TY had afternoon tea with Valda VK3DVT and Marlene VK3EQO (ex VK5QQ), and then called in on Mary VK5AMD on their way through Bordertown. At Murray Bridge they shared an unexpected meal with Meg VK5AOV and her OM David VK5OV, before completing their trip in time to join in the ALARA Monday night net.

Margaret VK4AOE and OM Ervon are trying to grow Bully Beans (they sound a bit mean, but apparently sheep like them). The precious irrigation water disappears down huge cracks in the parched ground, and Margaret wonders if someone on the other side of the world is getting wet!

JOTA

Sally VK4SHE and Bob VK4AAH manned one of seven JOTA stations in the Townsville area with about fifty Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts at the Wulguru Scout Den. Bob picked up some DX on 15 metres, and it was discovered that you can't work 14 MHz with Packet in the next room. Propagation to the Sydney area was especially good on 14 MHz.

Most of the participants were Cubs and Brownies and, as it is quite exhausting concentrating on every word so that you can pounce every time someone says "I don't know what to say", the operators were happy to close down at ten o'clock and go to bed.

There were some amusing moments, like when an entire group in New South Wales sang "Happy Birthday" for one of the Cubs. In an effort to get away from one word over SHE whispered to one young operator "Ask them what activities they are doing" This produced a good North Queensland "What are you doing?" and the answer "Talking to you on the radio."

VK4WIC was the callsign used by Neil VK4NF and Margaret VK4AOE during the JOTA operations with Dalby Yumborra Cubs, Brownies and Joeys, as well as the Dalby Guides. They commenced about 0400z using 40 m, 80 m and 2 m. Packet was also running but, unfortunately, there did not seem to be anyone operating that mode. QRN was evident during the afternoon which spoiled otherwise good signals, but they managed to enjoy contacts with VK4s and VK2s as well as ZL2AS.

Some of the young people handled their contacts like veterans. Joeys experiencing their first JOTA were all willing to take the mike, though tiny voices did not transmit very well and the little

fellow who nodded in reply to a query was not heard till he was persuaded to say "yes" instead of the nod.

Julie VK4JJB operated on the Saturday for Bundaberg West Cubs and had visiting groups. She had eighteen boys and three girls. On Sunday she went to help with the main group. Elaine VK4MEM was part of JOTA in Gympie and operated mainly on 2 m.

District Radio Ladies participated in JOTA in the Rockhampton area with Guides and Brownies. Robyn VK4RL, Rob VK4SEA, Mary VK4PZ and Gordon VK4GM set up and operated until 1145 pm on Saturday (Robyn turns into a pumpkin at midnight — at least that's what she told the kids, anyway!). Lorna and Ted VK4QI joined in for a few hours. Packer was flavour of the day — they could not keep the kids off the keyboard. No problems getting anyone to talk and contacts were enjoyed on HF and 2 m. The Guides were examined for their Radio badges and all passed.

Pat VK3OZ did not work JOTA this year but received a call on 2 m during the evening from a local JOTA station who had a Scout Leader looking for a CW contact. They were able to have a QSO on 80 m, transferring to 15 m when 80 was found to be too noisy at the JOTA QTH. The QSO was enjoyed by Pat and the Leader, who was not an Amateur and knew very little about Amateur procedure. This was Pat's first CW JOTA contact in three years involvement.

I am now the ALARA Publicity officer, so please send your news items to me C/o PO Woodstock, QLD 4816. Because of the distance, please try to send copy two weeks before the deadline printed on page one in *Amateur Radio*. Later copy will be accepted and superhuman efforts made to get it in, but no guarantees.

By the time you read this it will be December, so Happy Christmas everyone, and all the best in 1995.

C/o PO Woodstock, QLD 4816



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Bulletin normally commences at 1000 UTC, or 0900 UTC on Sunday evening depending on daylight saving and propagation. Check-ins commence 15 minutes prior to the bulletin.

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The newsletter is published monthly by Graham VK5AGR. Subscription is \$30 for Australia, \$35 for New Zealand and \$40 for other countries by AIR MAIL. It is payable to AMSAT Australia addressed as follows:

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called INFORMATOR-1. It is unclear at the time of writing whether the fault lies in the AO-21 package or in the larger system. The INFORMATOR-1 satellite had come to the end of its mission and attitude and thermal control had been suspended by the control station about a month ago. The amateur package had, however, been left switched on. DB2OS is investigating the problem but it appears unlikely that we will hear AO-21 again.

This amateur radio package had become very popular among those equipped with only the most modest of gear. The down link signal was always very strong and at times stations using only a vertical antenna could be heard working through the FM repeater. Recently AO-21 had added a WXsat image to the down link telemetry cycle. I have severe noise problems on two metre receive so I never bothered to try to decode this signal but I'd certainly like to hear from anyone who was successful. The FM down link also carried good will messages from time to time. The last one commemorated the anniversary of the first moon landing by playing Glenn's "Small step for man" tape. This was operational until shortly before the untimely demise of AO-21.

Home-brewers Report

I have received a number of replies on the subject of home brewing of satellite related equipment. It seems that this aspect of our hobby is alive and well. Dick VK3ABK is putting together what is shaping up to be a fine satellite station. He is building G3RUH type modems and decoders. The antenna system is taking shape with crossed Yagis on 2 m and 70 cm on an azel mount with pre-amps at the feed point. Dick is obviously serious

about this satellite business. He is pressing into service some older type gear including Yaesu FV-102 VFO and an IC-202 transmitter. Dick's approach is to do things properly but as cheaply as possible. So far the list of home brewers includes Dick VK3ABK, Bob VK3BNC, Ron VK6TF, Max VK3LMT and Mike VK3KYW. More of their exploits later.

Congratulations guys. More news on this front would be great. The initial response was unexpectedly high. Maybe we are not developing into a "plug and play" group after all.

Digital Comms on Phase 3D

It's gradually becoming clearer that we can expect some rather spectacular goodies when phase 3D is operational. Lyle Johnson WA7GXD of the RUDAK-U development team recently reported on the progress of the digital comms package for phase 3D. It seems they are planning for as many as 10 channels operating simultaneously. There is also the possibility of, wait for it, a 256 kilobit/sec modem on board. This data rate would support real time motion video! RUDAK will be the prime comms path for the earth imaging cameras and will also be connected to the GPS, Global Positioning Satellite experiment.

The RUDAK system will use two computers, one based on an NEC V53 processor and the other on an Intel 386EX. They will each have 16 megabytes of error corrected memory. By comparison the microsats have 256 kilobytes of memory. The projected 10 year lifetime of phase 3D means that the designers have somehow had to ensure that tomorrow's users are not held back by today's technology. The "average user" will not be forgotten. Phase 3D's RUDAK will have a 1200 bps modem, a 9600 bps modem switchable to 19.2 kbps and maybe 38.4 kbps. Two DSP units, good for about 56 kbps, will complete the impressive line up.

Sunday Night Net

Please note that for the remainder of the summer daylight saving period the Sunday night net will be conducted at 0900 UTC with early check-ins at approximately 0845 UTC. The frequency for this period will be 7.088 MHz +/- QRM.

AO-21 Falls

On Monday 17 October DB2OS reported what looks like the demise of OSCAR 21. AO-21 was an amateur payload on board a large Russian satellite

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Dish Feeds for 2.4 GHz and "S" Mode

An excellent article on this subject appeared in the Sep/Oct '94 edition of Amsat-NA's Journal. It is written by Ed Krome KA9LNV. Ed has a good practical approach to this subject and the article is easy to read even for first timers. He takes the reader through the fundamentals of dish design and then develops these ideas further into dish feed requirements. I've contacted Ed with a view to using parts of the article in this column.

The move to "S" mode is not as hard as many believe and once you get over that initial fear of microwaves it's fairly plain sailing. The old problem of "re-inventing the wheel" is still a possibility. Most of the texts available seem to presuppose a certain amount of experience. For this reason Ed's article is most welcome. I look forward to relating some of his thoughts in this column in coming months.

News from VK5ESC (Equipment Supplies Committee)

In the Amsat-VK newsletter No 115, Graham reported a new high performance kit from the VK5 Equipment Supplies Committee. It is a 2401 MHz receive converter for "S" mode use. This will fill a gap in the market. The only alternatives appear to be to roll your own from scratch, a mighty task requiring lots of experience, or purchase something from overseas. There are a number of amateur suppliers in the States and Europe dealing in this sort of gear and it will be interesting to see how the VK5 converter stacks up against the competition. The new design uses a teflon PCB and an MGF1302 GaAsFET followed by MMICs. It has the usual 145 MHz output for use into any two metre amateur all mode receiver and offers the choice of two local oscillator designs.

I'd like to hear from anyone who has completed this converter, particularly if they could give an idea of how it compares with the older design and maybe how it lines up in comparison to the imported devices. We are really indebted to the VK5 ESC guys for the excellent efforts they have put in over recent years to get a lot of people on the air on satellites and VHF/UHF. Building your own can be a daunting task on these bands. As well as an array of kits they have a good stock of odd components that may prove difficult to source otherwise. You can obtain their catalogue by writing to them at PO Box 789, Salisbury, SA 5108 SASE, please.

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AWARDS

John Kelleher VK3DP — Federal Awards Manager*

The very best of Christmas cheer to all. Another year has passed with only praise from me for those who have participated in the Awards program. In the main, I think I have got it right for 99 percent of the contributors. The other one percent have sent me applications for certificates and upgrades (very nice applications, mind you), but they have left off identifying the country they have claimed for various callsigns now long extinct although they still apparently qualify for some unknown DXCC country. Maybe, if you were to follow this simple rule, I may not become "confused", as another well known amateur put it.

This month, after several requests for its publication, I will begin with the CQ WPX (World Prefixes) program.

CQ WPX Award

The CQ WPX Award recognises the accomplishments of confirmed QSOs with the many prefixes used by amateurs throughout the world. Separate distinctively marked certificates are available for two-way SSB, CW and mixed modes. All applications for WPX certificates must be submitted on the official application form CQ 1051A. This form can be obtained by sending a four by nine inch SAE to the WPX Award Manager, Norm Koch K6ZDL, PO Box 880, CR-13, Clovis NM 88101, USA.

All QSOs must be made from the same country. All call letters must be in strictly alphabetical order, and the entire call letters must be shown. All entries must be clearly legible. Cross-mode contacts are not valid for CW or two x SSB certificates.

Certificates are issued for the following modes and number of prefixes: Mixed (any mode) — 400 prefixes; CW and SSB — 300 prefixes. Separate applications are required for each mode. Cards need not be sent, but they must be in the possession of the applicant. Any and all cards may be requested by the WPX Award Manager or by the CQ DX committee. The fee for each certificate is \$US4.00 for CQ magazine subscribers (with recent mailing label) or \$US10.00 for non-subscribers.

Prefixes

The two or three letter/numerical combination which forms the first part of any amateur call will be considered the prefix. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall constitute a separate prefix. The following would be considered different. W2, WA2, WB2, WN2, WV2, K2, KA2, KB2, etc.

Any prefix will be considered legitimate if its use was licensed or permitted by the governing authority in that country after 15 November 1945.

WPX Honour Roll

This certificate recognises those operators and stations that maintain a high standing in confirmed, current prefixes. The rules, therefore, reflect the belief that Honour Roll membership should be accessible to all active amateurs, and not be unduly advantageous to the "old timers". A minimum of 600 prefixes is required to be eligible for the Honour Roll. Special issue prefixes will be considered current for as long as they are assigned to a particular country, and deducted as credit for Honour Roll standings one year after cessation of their use or assignment. It follows, therefore, that Honour Roll standings may have to be updated annually.

VERON Jubilee Award

The Dutch amateur radio society VERON celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1995. During this jubilee year, beginning 1 January 1995, they are issuing the VERON Jubilee Award.

This award can be applied for by all licensed radio amateurs who are able to establish contact with at least 100 stations in the Netherlands during the entire year of 1995. SWLs may also apply for the award. All bands and modes can be used. No QSL cards and no fees are required.

If you wish to apply for the award, send an extract of your log to the Award Manager, Sytse Wybenga, Certificate Manager VERON, Pr Bernardlaan 60, 8501 JG Joure, The Netherlands. Applications close in March 1996.

Worked Republic of India Award

The Amateur Radio Society of India presents the revised rules for the "Worked Republic of India" award.

- 1 Available for QSOs (CW, AM, SSB and RTTY) on any HF band (160 to 10 m, including WARC bands) with stations in mainland India, the Lakshadweep (Laccadives) and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, on or after 26 January 1950.
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Points Table

Band	Mainland Stations	Stations In VU2 VU3 Sp Pfx	VU4 & VU7
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160	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts per QSO
80	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts per QSO
40	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts per QSO
20	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts per QSO
10	1 pt	2 pts	3 pts per QSO

Special prefixes such as VU9, VU25, VU40, AT0, etc must be clearly indicated on the QSL card.

The decision of the Awards Manager will be final and binding in all cases. Applications should be sent to Vice President and Awards Manager, Amateur Radio Society of India, 40 Ghalib Apts, Parwana Road, Pitampura, Delhi 110 034, India.

Ken Stevens VK5SQW

Lastly, but importantly, allow me to introduce another member of the WIA DXCC Honour Roll, who is also a licensed rails bookmaker in South Australia. In his own words, Ken Stevens VK5SQW has enjoyed the DXCC challenge, saying that long hours and plenty of patience made him a lot of wonderful friends. Ken is also interested in working US counties, which total 3067, so he has his work cut out for him.



Ken Stevens VK5SQW, a member of the WIA DXCC Honour Roll.

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Club Corner

Darwin Amateur Radio Club Cyclone Tracy Commemorative Event Station

The Darwin Amateur Radio Club (DARC) will be activating a special event station from 18 to 31 December 1994 as a 20th year commemorative recognising the devastation of Darwin on 26 December 1974 and the amateur radio involvement in the aftermath.

It is hoped to get the special event callsign V18TRACY, but this has not been confirmed as yet by the SMA.

Operating frequencies of this special event station will be as follows:

Phone	CW
3618 kHz	3530 kHz
7065 kHz	7009 kHz
14175 kHz	14009 kHz
21175 kHz	21130 kHz

Mark Sollars VK0MS

Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club Exams

The EMDRC has reinstated a quarterly examination schedule for all licence classes. Exams will be scheduled in February, May, August and November of each year. SWLs or persons wishing to upgrade their licence are invited to contact the Club's Examination Manager, Geoff Atkinson VK3YFA on (03) 876 4850.

EMDRC to go to the moon

A number of club members have recently been involved in the construction of two DL6WU 15 element antennas for Moonbounce on two metres. At press time preparations were being made to test the array on VE3ONT. Our aim is to enter the International EME competition in 1995. Interested? Contact Christopher Platt, VK3KCP on (03) 629 2653.

Packet Kits

EMDRC has arranged for the supply of a high quality PCB and components to build the Baycom Packet Modem described in the July, 1993 issue of *Amateur Radio*. The kit will be available at the initial price of \$50.00. Contact Chris Travers VK3XGT on (03) 723 7126 to obtain your kit.

February Guest Speaker — John Day on Packet

The guest speaker for the February Meeting will be John Day VK3ZJF from Daycom who will talk about and demonstrate Packet Radio. The last

presentation by John on this subject resulted in a full house, so be early! The meeting will be held at the Nunawading Council Offices, Maroondah Highway, Nunawading at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 3 February, 1995

Christopher Platt VK3KCP

Radio Amateurs Old Timers Club (RAOTC)

Members are reminded that there will not be a broadcast in January. Broadcasts on 6 February and 6 March 1995 will be at the same time as in November 1994

Members having problems with reception of our 40 metre transmissions are reminded that there is a simultaneous transmission on 3.650 MHz.

Ivan Hodder, ex VK3RH

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can give me Ivan's current address as I have some information which would be of great interest to him.

Allan Doble VK3AMD

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Crossed needle SWR/Wattmeters

Don't risk your expensive 2m or 70cm rig by transmitting without knowing your SWR! Shows peak or average forward and reflected power with power ranges of 200 & 20 watts forward, 5 & 50 watts reflected. At a glance you can see SWR, so there's no more risky guessing! Illuminated large, two-to-one meter makes reading easy. Black aluminum cabinet measures 184 x 114 x 90mm. Lamp uses 12 VDC (supplied externally).



MFJ817 VHF/UHF SWR mtr \$199 **MFJ815B** HF SWR mtr \$175

VHF & HF SWR & Wattmeters

The MFJ812B covers the 2M amateur band, reading forward and reflected power in two ranges (30 or 300 watts). Also lets you read relative field strength from 1-170MHz or SWR from 20 metres through 2 metres.

MFJ812B \$74.95
HT power meter

Reads the output power of two metre hand-held transceivers. Five watts full scale with 50Ω BNC connector. 50 x 57 x 40mm.

MFJ840 \$45.00
Terminating Power Meter



HT SWR meter

Measure power and SWR of 2M handhelds. Read SWR from 1 to 1.5:1 and power up to 5 watts. 50Ω BCN connectors, 50 x 57 x 40mm.

MFJ841 \$92.00

The PM-330 is a terminating type power meter for use from 1.8-500MHz Full scale 0.5W to 120W in three ranges.

- Frequency range 1.8-500MHz
- Impedance 50Ω 2W
- VSWR < 1.15 at 500MHz
- Connector 'N' female
- Size 190Wx105Hx230D

PM-330 Power meter \$279

Digital readout 1.8-170MHz

When the MFJ SWR Analysers were first introduced to Australia both Neil Duncan and Ron Fisher commented that it would be nice if they had a built-in frequency counter for accurately setting or reading the frequency. Well MFJ listened! Now MFJ has added a compact 150MHz counter into the SWR analyser. BUT then MFJ decided it should cover VHF as well so the MFJ249 covers 1.8-170MHz, without a break! Use it as a digital display for the internal signal source or as a frequency counter with 0.1, 1, 10 & 100 second gate times giving you 0.1Hz resolution!

Then MFJ said, well what about the serious HF guys who need to know the feedpoint impedance? Well the MFJ259 now gives you everything! SWR, resistance and a frequency counter all in one!



MFJ249 SWR analyser \$499

Noise Bridge

The MFJ202B has peak and average reading functions which let you monitor SWR, forward and reflected power. Peak or average power in 2 ranges, 200 & 2000 watts forward and 50 & 500 watts reflected, and SWR from 1.1 to 8.1. Covers 1.8 to 30 MHz. Accuracy is ±10% of full scale. 6-ack aluminium cabinet measures 184 x 114 x 90mm. SO-239 connectors. Meter lamp uses 12 VDC (supplied externally).



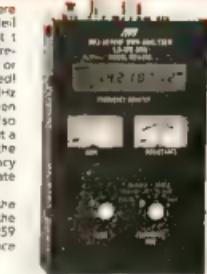
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Bandswitching Dip meter

Works just like a Grid Dip Oscillator but has a bandswitch and uses only one external coupling coil rather than one for each band. No coils to change, no sensitivity control and you can connect a counter to accurately measure the frequency. Great for workbench and antenna work. The MFJ203 covers 1.8-30MHz in five overlapping ranges



MFJ203 Dip meter \$249.95



MFJ259 SWR analyser \$549

Antenna Current Probe

The MFJ206 is designed to measure RF current without the need for direct connection. Detects the current in the transmission line, distribution pattern and polarization of antennas, transmission lines, guy wires, building cabling and enclosures. Check for transmission line radiation due to high SWR or poor balance of open wire lines.

Measures only 100 x 50 x 50mm, uses 9V battery (not supplied) or external DC source



MFJ206 RF Current probe \$199

Solid state dipper

This modern, solid-state Dipolesetter covers pretty much every need you can find for such a device. The DM-4061A covers the range 1.5 - 250MHz in 5 ranges, can function as a dip oscillator or an absorption wavemeter, plus has 2kHz modulation for receiver testing. Uses a single 9V battery (supplied) or an external source of 9-12V (not supplied).

DM4061A Dip meter \$175

High power wattmeters



The Mirage MP series wattmeters cover all amateur bands up to 1.3GHz:

- Remote coupler mounting
- Peak or average reading
- No chart or graphs needed
- 5 year warranty
- Quality meter movement
- Operates on 9-12.8V DC

MR-MP1 1.8-30MHz 2kW	\$367
MR-MP2 50-200MHz 1kW	\$367
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MR-MP4 1.25-1.3GHz 100W	\$437

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Antenna Tuners

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1.5kW Tapped inductor tuner



- Peak reading power and SWR meter with two ranges (200W & 2kW)
- Covers entire 1.8-30MHz range
- 6 position antenna switch for coax lines, random wire or balanced input or external dummy load.
- Super heavy duty balun wound with Teflon wire
- Compact 273W x 514H x 381D all metal case

MFJ962C 1.5kW tapped inductor **\$520**

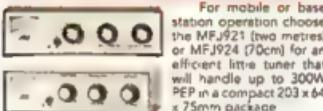
300W Deluxe tuner without dummy load



So you would like all of the features of the MFJ949E but don't want a dummy load? The MFJ948 is identical to the MFJ949E but has no dummy load!

MFJ948 Deluxe 300W, no dummy load **\$292**

Tuners for 2metres & 70cm



MFJ921 2metre tuner 300W **\$154**

MFJ924 70cm tuner 300W **\$154**

Tuner / Preselector for transceivers



The MFJ940B helps you dig those weak signals out from the cludge which is not rejected by the front ends of some transceivers. This combination of a receive pre-selector and a 300W rated tuner could be just the trick! Also has 20dB attenuator, handles two receivers, two antennas and has automatic RF sensing bypass circuit. Covers 1.8-54MHz. Requires 12V DC.

MFJ940B 300W tuner/preselector **\$222**

NEW MFJ Tuner + Artificial Ground

Throw up a random wire anywhere and work the world! Sounds great doesn't it, and the NEW MFJ934 combination tuner and artificial ground makes it possible. By putting the heart of an MFJ941E 300W antenna tuner with crossed needle SWR/power meter, and an MFJ931 artificial ground in one box you get everything you need for portable operation and you save money into the bargain!

When you don't need the artificial ground the MFJ934 functions as a normal tuner.



MFJ934 Ground & tuner combined **\$365**

3kW Differential 'T' tuner



- 3kW Differential-capacitor & roller inductor
- New, more accurate directional coupler
- Current mode balun reduces feedline radiation
- 6 position antenna switch
- Continuous coverage from 1.8-30MHz
- Wide spaced capacitor for true 3kW rating
- Compact 273W x 514H x 381D all metal case

MFJ986 3kW Differential - T **\$652**

300W Deluxe tuner with dummy load



- Full 1.8-30MHz coverage
- Peak and average reading crossed needle SWR/Power meter (can be illuminated)
- Built in 300W dummy load
- 6 position antenna switch
- 4.1 balun for balanced lines or long wires
- Full 12 month warranty

MFJ949E Deluxe 300W with 'the lot'

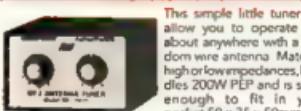
The smallest VersaTuner!



The smallest of the VersaTuner range. Size: 127 x 64 x 150mm. Power rating: 200W. Match dipoles, vees, random wires, beams and mobile whips with either coax or balanced fine feed from 1.8 to 30MHz

MFJ901B 200W Versatuner **\$135**

Long-wire tuner



MFJ16010 200W Long wire tuner **\$93.90**

MFJ931 Artificial Ground



Does your rig bite? Well, maybe it isn't hungry — it could just be that the ground connection you have is not adequate. A specialised tuner with an RF current meter, the MFJ931 can tune a piece of wire or an existing ground wire to place an RF earth right at the transceiver. Covers 1.8-30MHz, measures 190 x 89 x 178mm.

MFJ931 Ground system tuner **\$176**

3kW Deluxe tuner



- Widest matching range for lowest possible SWR!
- High-Q roller inductor positioned for best efficiency
- Extra heavy contact pressure for greatest reliability
- Covers entire 1.8-30MHz range
- 50Ω 300W Dummy load built in
- 6 position antenna switch
- Compact 273W x 514H x 381D all metal case

MFJ989C

3kW Deluxe **\$785**

300W General purpose tuner



The MFJ941E covers the full 1.8-30MHz range, has front panel-mounted antenna switch, 12 position tapped inductor, 4.1 balun and sturdy metal case. Size: 267W x 73H x 178D

MFJ941E 300W general purpose tuner **\$247**

300W Mobile tuner



The MFJ945D has a crossed needle SWR/power meter and is equally at home in the car, caravan, motel room, tent or your home station. Small size: 200W x 52H x 150D

MFJ945D 300W mobile tuner

QRP Portable antenna tuner

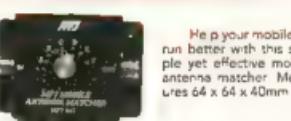


The MFJ971 tuner can be used at any frequency across the entire 1.8-30MHz HF spectrum. Rated at 200W this versatile little tuner matches the MFJ CW transceivers and MFJ9420 SSB transceiver in size and can be fastened to them.

- Crossed needle SWR/power meter
- Covers 1.8-30MHz
- 4.1 balun included
- Dimensions: 165Wx53Hx152D

MFJ971 Portable tuner **\$203**

Mobile antenna matcher



Help your mobile rig run better with this simple yet effective mobile antenna matcher. Measures 64 x 64 x 40mm.

MFJ910 Mobile antenna matcher **\$42.70**

lots of antennas!

2mtr 3 el Yagi



The unique design of the MFJ-1763 3 element 2mtr yagi allows it to be assembled and disassembled in seconds. Ideal for portable or emergency use, can be mounted vertically or horizontally for either FM or SSB operation and it exhibits low SWR right across the two metre band.

Can be kept easily in the boot of your car

MFJ1763 \$97.00

2mtr 1/4λ g-plane

2mtr 5/8λ g-plane

MFJ1764 \$32.50

2mtr 1/4λ g-plane

2mtr 5/8λ g-plane

MFJ1750 \$49.00

Diplexers and Triplexers

For dual band or triple band transceivers, multiple radios or sharing a run of coax the diplexers and triplexers offer low loss and excellent isolation for a variety of applications. The M connector shown in the table is an improved JH type for lower losses

MFJ1740 \$32.50

2mtr unity gain vertical

Fits 25-40mm mast

MFJ1750 \$49.00

2mtr gain vertical

Fits 25-40mm mast

MFJ1754 \$62.50

2mtr 1/2λ J pole

MFJ1730 \$37.50

SWL Sloper antennas

Following many requests in recent years we are now pleased

to offer the Alpha-Delta line of American-made Sloper antennas

for Short Wave listening. Slopers have been used by amateurs for years because they offer the convenience of only requiring a single location for the antenna and the ability to ground the antenna to a small post in the ground. The Alpha-Delta sloper is available in two sizes, one for the 90m - 13m bands and the other for medium wave (broadcast band) plus 120m - 13m bands.

Both are made from the highest quality stainless steel

hardware and utilize heavy gauge hand-drawn copper wire for long life and reliable operation even in strong wind areas

MFJ1728B \$37.50

Dual Band

ground plane

MFJ1724B \$36.00

2mtr 1/2λ J pole

MFJ1720 \$273.00

Outbacker 1.2m long

MFJ121 \$300.00

Outbacker 1.7m long

MFJ122 \$327.00

Perth 2m long

MFJ123 \$110.00

Outbacker Spring base

All band Preselector/tuner

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even more antennas!

Super-LOOP

The MFJ1786 loop is fully-welded from examination tube for better Q, lower losses and reduced microphonics compared to others made with flat strip. Ideal for portable operation, flat dielines, caravans, vans or anywhere space is limited. Needs no radials, counterpoise or antenna tuner. MFJ's Super-Q Loop is remotely tunable but needs no control cable; everything is carried on the coax! Remote control unit for operation from 12V DC or internal battery supplied.

- SMA I, on 9.15mm diameter
- Tubular radiator for better performance
- VERY quiet receiving antenna
- Remote controller supplied
- Built-in crossed needle SWR/Power meter
- DC powered for convenience



MFJ1786

10-30MHz continuous coverage loop

\$625

HF roll-up dipoles

MFJ1770 15mtr	\$87
MFJ1771 17mtr	\$87
MFJ1772 20mtr	\$87
MFJ1773 30mtr	\$87
MFJ1774 40mtr	\$87

Just the thing to use with the MFJ17020 or any other QRP HF transceiver! Light-weight, easy to carry, easy to put up.



Efficient 80 & 40 metre vertical

Designed as a high performance antenna for 80 and 40 metres, the MFJ1792 features a full size quarter wave radiator for 40 metres — that's a full 10 metres of efficient radiating power!

End loading, the most efficient form of loading, is used for 80 metres. This is accomplished by a virtually lossless 1.3m capacitance hat and a high-Q coil wound with Teflon™ coverage on a low-loss fibreglass form.

The entire length of the antenna is always radiating power. It has a unique built-in L-network for lowest SWR. It is made of high strength 6061-T6 aluminum tubing, super strong solid fibreglass insulating rod and stainless steel hardware.

Handles 1500 watts PEP SSB includes heavy duty mount. An antenna of this size requires guying.

For best possible performance on these low bands you need to use radials, counterpoises or a ground screen.

TRI-BAND version — the MFJ1793 is the same size as the MFJ1792 but includes a full size quarter wave radiator for 20 metres.

MFJ1793
80/40mtr vertical

\$359
\$405

Half-wave vertical

The MFJ1796 is a truly low cost half wave ground independent vertical antenna for 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 metres. Standing only 3.6m high and with a tiny 60cm foot print the MFJ1796 is a truly useful antenna. Light enough to be handled by just about anybody, but a serious antenna at the same time. Efficient high-Q loading coils and an air core balun combine to reduce losses. Durability is assured by the use of heavy walled aluminum tubing, machined aluminum parts and stainless steel hardware. All coils are wound on tough, low loss, ceramic formers using high durability Teflon™ coated wire. Teflon™ insulated coax is used from the decoupling balun to the feedpoint.

A half-wave section for six metres and for two metres adds versatility. You can individually adjust the MFJ1796 on each band. Adjusting one band has minimal influence on other bands.

- Covers 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 metre bands
- Needs no radials or ground plane
- Made from highest quality materials
- Only 3.6m high

MFJ1796

6 band half-wave vertical

Hand Held Antennas

For 2 m & 70cm

The MFJ Pocket Linear family has been acclaimed both here and overseas as the greatest thing to happen to HT's since the rubber duckie itself! Gives you a significant increase in range and performance.

MFJ1710 (left) is a 3/8 wave telescoping antenna for 2 metres. Collapses to fit in shirt pocket, complete with clip. Approx 133mm long collapsed, approx 62mm extended.

MFJ1710 \$24.90

MFJ1712 (center) is a wonder for dual band use. Collapsed (184mm) it is a 1/2 wave on 70cm, extended (482mm) it is a 5/8 wave on 2 & 7/8 waves on 70cm.

MFJ1712 \$37.50

MFJ1714 (right) is an end fed half wave dipole antenna which leaves nothing else just looking rather sad! Acclaimed in ARRL as "the best I have ever used" by VK1CE. He should know, he owns one! Needs no groundplane. When collapsed it works like a rubidium.

MFJ1714 \$42.50

The NEW MFJ FlexDuck antennas are compact antennas for your hand held offering high performance. They can't stay still — they will bend, flex and twist with you! Ideal where you need gain but can't take the weight of a solid antenna such as the Pocket Linear family.

MFJ1717 (right) is a 400mm long FlexDuck which gives top performance in a safe, easy to use antenna for your 2 metres or 70cm hand-held. The MFJ1717 is a full size half-wave on 70cm and a full size quarter wave on 2 metres.

MFJ1717 \$44

The MFJ1716 (center) is a full size quarter wave on 70cm and a loaded half-wave on 2 metres (223mm ts).

MFJ1716 \$38

MFJ's new ShortyDuck is the ideal replacement antenna for your existing 2 metre hand held.

MFJ1718 (left) is an efficient 108mm "ShortyDuck" for 2 metre hand-holds. Impedance matched for maximum gain the MFJ1718 employs a high Q helically wound resonator.

MFJ1718 \$30

2m/70cm duplexer

Nowadays we seem to use so many multi-band mobiles, hand-holds and antennas, but often we need to use two radios or two antennas! Obviously we need a duplexer. The MFJ1796 duplexer is a compact, low-loss unit for 2m/70cm antennas or rados. UHF plugs on separate ports.

MFJ1796 2m/70cm duplex

\$69

10 band 80-2m vertical

So if supporting and only 6.1 metres is the MFJ1798 requires no ground radials and offers terrific performance on 10 amateur bands from 80 through 2 metres.

Separate full size radiators are used on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 2 metres. On 6 metres the 17 metres rad star becomes a radiator. The active radiator works as a stub to decouple a varying current in phase antenna current flows in parallel radiators. This forms a very large equivalent radiator and gives you very wide bandwidths. The radiator stubs provide automatic bandswitching, and there is absolutely no loss associated with loading coils or traps.

On 40 and 30 metres the MFJ1798 employs highly efficient top-loading to give excellent bandwidth, an efficient low radiation angle and automatic bandswitching.

- 10 bands - 75/80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6 & 2 metres
- Separate full size radiators
- End loading for 80, 40 & 30 metres
- Elevated top feed for better performance
- Low radiation angle
- Very wide bandwidth

MFJ1798

\$599

Antenna accessories

Heavy duty 4 pos coax switch

Lightning Protection, centre ground pos'n.
The MFJ1704 series switches are designed for use up to 500MHz and are offered with UHF or type-N connectors.

They handle a full 2kW PEP with extremely low SWR. Isolation is better than 60dB at 30MHz and still >50dB at 500MHz.



MFJ1704 with UHF connectors \$132.50

MFJ1704N with N(f) connectors \$157.50

MFJ1701 6 positions SO239

The MFJ1701 is a six position switch intended for use up to 2kW PEP in N to 75Ω systems at frequencies up to 30MHz. A high quality ceramic wafer switch is used and unused terminals are grounded.



\$78.50

Remote Coax Switches



The Americantron RCS-4 is a remote controlled coax switch that selects one of four outputs by supplying all control voltages through the coax cable itself. You get two units, a small housing box that mounts outside on the tower or wall and the control console placed at your operating position.

No. of positions: 4
Loss at 30MHz < 0.5dB
VSWR < 1.1 from 1.8-30MHz
Power 5kW ave
2kW PEP
50mΩ

RCS-4 HF 4 pos remote switch \$297

The RCS-8V switch allows you to remotely select up to five antennas, so you can replace five runs of coax with one. Your RCS-8V will handle up to 5kW up to 30MHz and 1kW up to 150MHz. Uses 8 core cable (not supplied) to connect the two units.

No. of position 5
Loss (150MHz) < 0.5dB
VSWR < 1.2:1 DC-250MHz
Impedance 50Ω
Power 5kW below 30MHz
1kW at 150MHz

RCS-8V 8pos HF/VHF rmt switch \$328.80

Heavy duty 2 pos coax switch

Lightning Protection, centre ground pos'n.



MFJ1702B with UHF connectors \$49.50

MFJ1702BN with N(f) connectors \$72.00

MFJ1700B 2 x 6 positions SO239

The MFJ1700B has two ceramic rotary switches that let you select 1 of 6 antennas and 1 of 6 transceivers in any combination. Rated 2kW PEP for 50-75Ω loads, unused terminals grounded.



\$148.00

Diamond coax switches



DM-CX210A 900MHz UHF(f) connectors \$79

DM-CX210N 3GHz N(f) connectors \$149

Low-Pass filters for HF

This is the best low pass filter we have tested. Crafted from the finest materials the Bencher low pass filter offers a minimum of 80dB attenuation in tests conducted to measure the harmonic suppression in Ch 2 TV and higher.



MT093 Bencher Lowpass filter \$109

MFJ Lowpass Filter

Eliminate or minimize TVI with the MFJ low pass filter. Ensure your transceiver does not cause harmonic interference to your neighbour's TV. Rated to carry 1.5kW from DC-30MHz, SWR < 1.5:1, minimal insertion loss, high harmonic attenuation.



\$80.50

50Ω Dummy Loads

1kW DC-400MHz



The MFJ250X handles 1kW CW or 2kW PEP for 10 m, 200W CW or 400W PEP cont. F1 with transformer & 1 (not s.p.) plug. Low SWR 1.2:1 to 40MHz, 1.5:1 30-300MHz, 2:1 300-400MHz. Safety vent with removable cap. SO-239 connector, measures 1.9" H x 1.68" DIA, w/ carrying handle.

MFJ250X 1kW cont type load

\$75.00

1.5kW DC-650MHz



Another MFJ first! This load will handle 1.5kW for 10 seconds, 100W for 10 minutes. SWR < 1.1 at 30MHz, < 1.3 at 65MHz and usable to 750MHz. Measures 7.5" x 7.5" x 178mm.

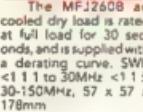
MFJ264 1.5kW load UHF connectors

\$135.00

MFJ264N 1.5kW load N connectors

\$158.00

300Ω DC-150MHz



The MFJ260B air cooled dry load is rated at full load for 30 seconds, and is supplied with a derating curve. SWR < 1.1 to 30MHz < 1.5 30-150MHz, 57 x 57 x 178mm.

MFJ260B 300Ω load UHF connectors

\$75.00

MFJ260BN 300Ω load N connectors

\$89.00

50Ω Load resistors



These precision 50Ω carbon on ceramic resistors are the same high quality parts used in the MFJ260B and MFJ264 loads.

RA38 \$52.03 **RA39** \$86.40

Coax-Seal sealant



If you have any type of outdoor antenna you should be using Coax-Seal® sealant. Coax-Seal is a black rubber based material especially designed to protect any outdoor connection or connector.

Coax-Seal is a non-conductive, non-contaminating, waterproof substance which remains flexible at any temperature. Coax connectors are not waterproof, and exposed solder connections will deteriorate.

Available in two sizes — please enquire for volume pricing.

HD124 CoaxSeal 12.7mm x 1.5m

\$5.50

HD125 CoaxSeal 25mm x 14.5m

\$14.50

AMERITRON

Valve & Solid State HF linear

ALS-500M 600W SOLID STATE 13.8V DC LINEAR



ALS-500M

600W PEP solid state linear

\$1850

AL811 600W PEP HF Linear amplifier

Input:

Circuit type: Pi-network, slug tuned coils
Maximum drive power permissible: 100 watts

Typical drive for rated output: 75 watts

Output:

Circuit type: 50 second carrier
1/2 hour PEP two tone: 550 watts

Efficiency: >600 watts typically >70%

Power Supply: 1500 V 550 mA

AC input: 240V 50Hz max 4A

Metering: Mu meter: reads HV and plate current

Grid meter: reads PA grid current

A.C.: Negative going, 0-20 adjustable

Efficiency: CW & SSB (envelope crest): >70%

Physical: Dimensions: 406D x 350W x 203H

Weight: 13.7kg

Frequency Coverage: 160 80 40 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres

Third Order IMD at Rated Output: -3dB

AL811H - 4x811A 800W PEP

Four 811A tubes, fully neutralised. Covers all bands 160-10 metres. Tubes mounted vertically for reliable operation, has ALC and can be fitted with QSK-5 for full QSK.



AL811H 800W PEP linear amp \$2095
QSK-5 PIN DIODE QSK switch

Using the latest in PIN-diode technology the QSK-5 will handle 2.5kW PEP, 2kW CW in normal amateur service with SWR < 1.5. Handles 750W in continuous modes like RTTY, SSTV and FM. Connected externally to the amplifier. Extremely quiet in operation. Optional cooling fan will permit 1500W continuous operation.



QSK5 2.5kW QSK switch

\$785

- Fully solid state - no tuning
- 600W PEP, 400W CW output
- Continuous coverage 1.5 - 30MHz
- Load fault & thermal protection
- Excellent harmonic suppression
- Compact: 89 x 229 x 381mm weighs 3.5kg
- Requires 13.8V & 80A peak

Now, an economical fully solid state amplifier for mobile, portable or base station use. With less than 100W drive into the low SWR input of the ALS-500M, you get a full, quiet 600W PEP output. This amplifier is well protected and is built with traditional American made Ameritron pride and quality.

The revolutionary new Ameritron ALS-600 amplifier is unique - it uses four rugged TMOS RF Power MOS-ET transistors to deliver 700W PEP with a clean output and unrivaled solid state performance.

Intended for base station operation, the ALS-600 is supplied with a multi-output 50V power supply complete with power supply voltage and current metering.

- Output 700W PEP, 600W CW
- Continuous coverage 1.8-30MHz
- Instant bandswitching, no tuning, no warm-up
- SWR protection prevents amplifier damage.
- Over power protection with ALC
- Extremely quiet!
- Compact, 152 x 241 x 305mm
- 12DC output to power accessories
- Choke input power supply for improved regulation and reduced AC line current peaks
- Fully tested in Australia before delivery

The matching ALS-600PS power supply, supplied with the ALS-600 is the same size as the amplifier and supplies 50V DC at up to 25A for the amplifier. Power supply can be mounted out of the way to reduce clutter and congest on your operating bench.

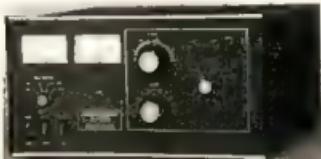
Shades of the magnificent past! Remember the days when a power amplifier looked like it meant business and was heavy enough to convey the message? Well those days are back! Ameritron's AL811 uses three 811A tubes in Class AB2 grounded grid to deliver a clean, comfortable 600W PEP. The AL-811 amplifier needs only 40W of drive for the VK legal limit.

AL811
600W PEP HF linear

\$1460

AL1200 - 3CX1200A7 1.5kW PEP

With a serious transmitting tube and a serious Peter Dahl 'C' core transformer the AL-1200 is an extremely rugged, yet affordable linear. QSK available as an option



AL1200 1.5kW PEP linear amp \$4850
AL1500 - 3CX1500 1.5kW PEP

With only 65W drive the 3CX1500 (8877) in the AL-1500 will deliver a full 1.5kW PEP.



AL1500 1.5kW PEP linear amp \$6050



**No tuning, no fuss, no worries,
just turn on and operate!**

The revolutionary new Ameritron ALS-600 amplifier is unique - it uses four rugged TMOS RF Power MOS-ET transistors to deliver 700W PEP with a clean output and unrivaled solid state performance.

Intended for base station operation, the ALS-600 is supplied with a multi-output 50V power supply complete with power supply voltage and current metering.

- Output 700W PEP, 600W CW
- Continuous coverage 1.8-30MHz
- Instant bandswitching, no tuning, no warm-up
- SWR protection prevents amplifier damage.
- Over power protection with ALC
- Extremely quiet!
- Compact, 152 x 241 x 305mm
- 12DC output to power accessories
- Choke input power supply for improved regulation and reduced AC line current peaks
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AL800
700W PEP HF linear

\$2995

AL80B - 3-500Z 1000W PEP

Combine Ameritron's Dynamic ALC technology with instantaneous RF B as and an Eimac 3-500Z and you have one of the best possible 1kW linear you can buy. QSK available as an option



AL80B 1kW PEP linear amp \$2850
AL82 - 2 x 3-500Z 1.5kW PEP

The classic contesteer's linear with a pair of Eimac 3-500Z tubes and a 1.8kW power supply. Like all Ameritron linear covers 160-10 metres.



AL82 1.5kW PEP linear amp \$4650

KLM

ANTENNAS, INC.

HF Log Periodics

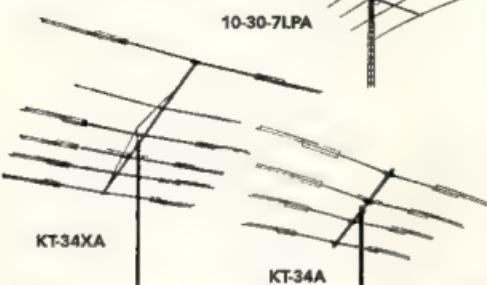
Model	10-30-7LPA	7.2-9.30LPA
Frequency MHz	10-30	7.2-10-30
Gain dBi	7.0typ	3.7typ
Length M	9.15	12.8
Elements	7	8
Price	\$2500	\$2900



7.2/10-30LPA



10-30-7LPA



KT-34XA

KT-34A

Model	KT-34A			KT-34XA		
Frequency MHz	14-14.35	21-21.45	28-28.87	14-14.35	21-21.45	28-28.87
Gain dBi	7	7	7	8.5-8	9.5	11-11.3
Elements	4			6		
Length mtrs	4.87			9.78		
Price	\$1250			\$1800		



These preamplifiers from Mirage Communications use the latest in GaAs-FET technology to provide every keen VHF/UHF amateur with a line of high quality amplifiers for use indoors or at the masthead. Mastmount versions as well as in-shack types are available.

Mirage preamps can be controlled and powered by radio such as the ICOM C-271/471 & 275/475A/S75 which have internal preamp power supply and control facilities.

- Automatic RF switching
- GaAs-FET for best performance
- In-line design for ease of operation
- Switchable gain settings
- Gain of >20dB, Noise figure < 0.6dB
- Power handling 160W
- Power - nominal 13.8V DC
- Mast mount (KP2) has DC coupler supplied

KP1/10M 28-30MHz In-shack preamp

\$279

KP1/6M 50-54MHz In-shack preamp

\$279

KP1/2M 144-148MHz In-shack preamp

\$279

KP1/70cm 430-450MHz In-shack preamp

\$279

KP2/10M 28-30MHz Masthead preamp

\$329

KP2/6M 50-54MHz Masthead preamp

\$329

KP2/2M 144-148MHz Masthead preamp

\$329

KP2/70cm 430-450MHz Masthead preamp

\$329

When the quest is for excellence in antennas
there can only be one result... and this is it!

From one of the world's great antenna manufacturers, just for you!

Every KLM antenna is designed with the amateur in mind, but with no sacrifice of quality. Made from only the best weather-resistant materials, lesson insulators and a stainless steel hardware, these antennas are quite possibly the best you can buy, but they also have a price tag to match. The entire range is shown on these pages. Many types are held in our warehouse for immediate delivery. Others are usually available within 4 to 6 weeks from the USA. So whatever your interests try KLM and enjoy!

What makes one manufacturer stand out?

In the case of antennas it is simple. The designs must be good. The materials must be good. These are, because only the best will do for the craftsman at KLM. They select only the best quality aluminum alloys for booms and elements, all stainless steel hardware, precision-moulded insulators and the best quality materials for baluns and chokes. The antennas must work, and without doubt the owners of KLM antennas will tell you that their antennas do work.

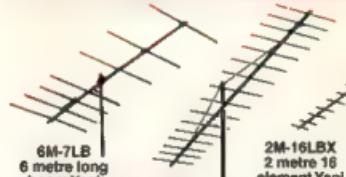
Time and time again the products of this one company have been proven to perform beyond expectations by commercial, government and amateur users. Place your faith in KLM and you can be assured of spare parts availability for many years to come as well as one of the best antennas you could get, why would so many people want to copy them? Trouble is you can never rely on the copy to perform as well as the original can you?

HF Monoband beams & Rotatable dipoles

Model	204-6	204-8	20M-4	15M-6	15M-4	10M-6	10M-4
Frequency MHz	13.9-14.4	13.9-14.4	13.9-14.4	21-21.5	21-21.5	28-30	28-30
Gain dBi	11	9.7	7.7	11	7.7	11	7.7
Length M	17.38	12.8	8.4	10.97	4.27	8.28	3.05
Elements	6	5	4	5	4	6	4
Price	\$2300	\$1640	\$1060	\$1325	\$576	\$830	\$525

Model	80M-3	80M-2	80M-1	40M-4	40M-3	40M-2	40M-1
Frequency MHz	3.5-4	3.5-4	3.5-4	7.7-7.8	7.7-7.8	7.7-7.8	7.7-7.8
Gain dBi	7	6	5	7.2	6.5	4.9	0
Length M	18.3	10.98	N/A	12.8	9.75	4.88	N/A
Elements	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
Price	\$10500	\$5800	\$1930	\$2300	\$1700	\$1250	\$510

VHF & UHF Antennas



6M-7LB
6 metre long
boom Yagi

2M-16LBX
2 metre 16
element Yagi

432-20LBX
70cm
20 element Yagi

432-30LBX
70cm
30 element Yagi

23cm (1.2 GHz) ANTENNAS

The KLM antenna range for 23cm are all supplied completely assembled and pre-tuned at the factory, with the exception of the 44 element version which is in two pieces requiring only simple assembly.



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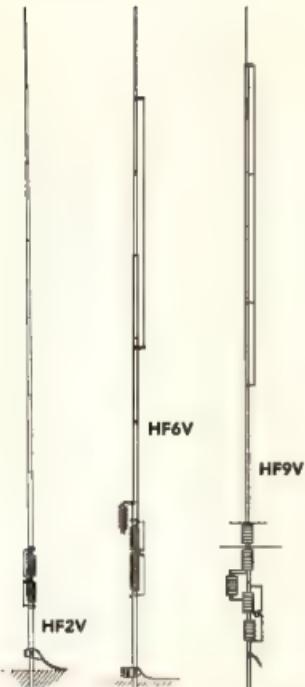
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SATELLITE ANTENNAS

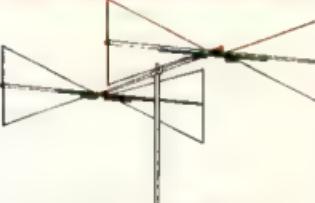
Every KLM satellite antenna is supplied with any necessary switching harness and a remote polarisation switch. Non-conducting fibreglass booms, rotator systems and complete tracking systems are also available.

Model	256-14C	24M-22C	455-18C	435-40CX
Frequency MHz	144-150	144-148	455-460	430-440
Gain dBi	11	13	12	5.2
Elements	2x7	2x11	2x9	2x20
Length mtrs	3.89	5.82	2.23	4.45
Price	\$423	\$553	\$550	\$589

Butternut Is Back!



Butternut HF5B MiniBeam



For gain where you really didn't think it was possible! The BUTTERNUT HF5B "Butterfly" beam is designed for those locations where just about any other rotatable antenna won't fit. This compact beam uses no messy traps and can be turned with a small rotator. High quality stainless steel hardware is used throughout to ensure your HF5B will last.

HF5B specifications:

Bandwidth for <2.1 VSWR:

10 metres 1500kHz

12,15,17m entire band

≤1.5:1

10 metres

12 metres

15 metres

17 metres

20 metres

20dB

30dB

1kW

5000

3.84m

1.83m

2.12m

1.83m

Front to back ratio:

Front to side ratio:

Power handling:

Feed impedance:

Wingspan:

Boom length:

Turn radius:

Vert ca spreaders:

HF5B 5 band m/m beam

\$650



Butternut HF-6V

Butternut's most popular vertical, covers 80-10metres, 12 & 17 metres can be added with the A1712 kit. The HF-6V can be used with any of the Butternut accessories listed on this page.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

Shipping weight

Height

Feedpoint impedance:

VSWR at resonance:

Bandwidth for VSWR

of 2:1 or less:

Power Rating:

Wind loading:

Unguided wind survival:

Installation

Comes complete with 0.6m tubular mounting post (15mm O.D.) for direct placement in earth or into standard steel TV mast (19mm O.D with 1.5mm wall) or Butternut Mounting Post Sleeve (Model MPS). Eye-level adjustment of 80, 40 and 30 metre resonator coils, length adjustment on 15 and 10 metres, 20 metre adjustment is a function of 40 and 30 metre tuning Coils. For 80/75, 40 and 30 metres are 4.76mm diameter aluminum wire, air wound and self supporting, typical spacing between adjacent turns is 12.7mm, or greater

HF6V 6 band HF vertical \$423

18 & 24 MHz WARC Band Adaptors

Allows the Butternut 5 and 6 band verticals to operate on the 18 and 24 MHz WARC bands with full automatic switching. Model A-17-12 (not shown)

A1712 17 & 12 metre add-on kit \$100

160 Metre Adaptor (Model TBR-160-5)

TBR160S 160 metre add-on kit \$160

Attaches to the base of Butternut HF verticals for automatic bandswitching 160 through 10 metres with a slight reduction in 80/75 metre bandwidth. 160 metre bandwidth for 2:1 SWR is 10-20 kHz depending on ground losses. Rated at 500 watts CW / 1200 watts PLP input to final.

30 metre Resonator Kit

Model 30 MRK Resonator Int for 30 metre operation. Not for use with Top Loading Kit.

30MRK 30 metre add-on kit \$100

Top Loading Kit 80 - 40 Metres

Model TLK Top loading kit of 4x 7.6mm stranded umbrella wires. Provides increased bandwidth and efficiency on 80 and 160 metres. (The top loading kit cannot be used with the 30 metre resonator)

TLK Top loading kit for 80 & 160 mtrs \$48

Roof Mounting Kit (Model RMK-2)

For model HF-6V and other Butternut verticals. Includes 2-ft tripod tower, ST-II radial kit, mounting post sleeve (Model MPS), plated log screws and complete instructions. Shipping weight: 4.9 kg

RMK2 Roof mounting kit \$155

Butternut HF-9V

Butternut Electronics Co. has been producing what are possibly the world's most loved vertical antennas for amateur HF use for many years. Whether you need 80 & 40 metres or all 9 bands, eighty through 6 metres, you will find a Butternut combination to suit. The ever popular HF-6V can have 160 metres added to it, as can both the HF-9V and the HF-2V.

All Butternut antennas and accessories are in stock at Daycom right now, just bring your car!

Butternut HF-9V

The Butternut HF-9V-X is the same as the HF-6V-X but includes WARC bands and the 6 metre kits in a single package.

Bandwidth for less than 2.1 VSWR

6 metres	15MHz
10 metres	1500 kHz
12 metres	200 kHz
15 metres	entire band
17 metres	200 kHz
20 metres	entire band
30 metres	entire band
40 metres	280 kHz
80/75 m.	40 to 100 kHz

HF9V 9 band HF vertical

DX the 80 & 40 Metre Bands

Self-supporting vertical antenna designed for optimum performance on the 80 and 40 metre bands. Features full automatic band switching using Butternut's exclusive Differential Reactance Tuning system. Provides greater radiation at lower wave angles.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

Height

Feedpoint impedance

VSWR at resonance

Bandwidth for VSWR

of 2:1 or less

Wind loading

Unguided wind survival

Power Rating

Unguided wind survival

HF2V 80 & 40 metre vertical

A no-radial vertical that covers 80 or 75 metres?

THERE IS ONE NOW!

No, we won't tell you our intelligence by telling you that it's a "half wave" or that ANY vertical will operate more efficiently without a good rad. A system than with one; it certainly won't! But if you've no room for even the smallest radial system just try the HF-9V, over our counterpoise kit BN-CPK. You'll not only save a tidy sum but you'll work DX that the shorter and more lossy no-radial "half-waves" can't touch because both the HF-6V and HF-9V use longer active element lengths for higher radiation resistance and greater efficiency on more bands than any of the so-called half-waves. Ask for the free brochure and receive techn cal note D-S-1 "Dirty Little Secrets from the Antenna Designer's Notebook" that shows you how to calculate the probable efficiency of any vertical antenna using the manufacturer's own specs — so you won't have to learn the truth the hard way!

Counterpoise Kit

Model CPK Counterpoise Kit for Butternut models HF6V-X and HF9V-X substituted for ground or elevated radials. Self-supporting tubing bolts onto base of antenna. Mast not provided.

CPK Counterpoise kit

Stub Tuned Radial Kit (Model STR-2)

Kit of four stub-tuned radials a for 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, each 11.8m long and completely assembled with end insulators. Also includes coil of 8.18 copper-clad steel wire and insulators for four 30 metre radials a (7.3m) and one 75/80 metre rad a (maximum length 20.7m).

STR2 Stub tuned radial kit

Mounting Post Sleeve (Model MPS)

A 600-mm tube of 32mm diameter alum in to accommodate mounting post of HF6V/HF9V. May be left in earth for easy removal of antenna and mounting post, recommended as protection in installations where U-bolts or locking bolts contact the mounting post.

MPS Mounting post sleeve

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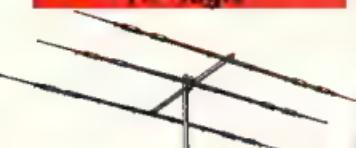
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HF Yagis



World Ranger

Multiband YAGIS for 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30 & 40 M

Our three and four element triband beams provide the versatility and performance you need for reliable communications around the world. Cushcraft's World Rangers are made to last with 6063-T632 aluminum tubing, weatherproof traps, stainless steel hardware and fibreglass insulators. They are designed with fewer parts for easier assembly, lower weight and less windload.

The add-on kits shown below can be used to add 30 or 40 metres to the A35 and A45 or 30 metres to the unique WARC band A3WS dual band beam.

DIAMOND
ANTENNA

New to DAYCOM this year is the Diamond Antenna range of fine HF, VHF and UHF antennas from Japan. Made from the highest quality materials these antennas should serve you well for many years to come!

DIAMOND HF WIRE ANTENNAS



WH10 \$249

Five band wire trapped dipole, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 metres
 ■ Maximum power rating 1.2kW(PEP)
 ■ Length 19.2m ■ Weight 2.5kg

WH20 \$199

Two band wire trapped dipole, 80, 40 metres
 ■ Maximum power rating 1.2kW(PEP)
 ■ Length 26m ■ Weight 1.85kg

WH30 \$199

Two band wire trapped dipole, 40, 15 metres
 ■ Maximum power rating 1.2kW(PEP)
 ■ Length 12.4m ■ Weight 1.2kg

DIAMOND HF TRAPPED VERTICALS

CP6 6 band trapped vertical \$579

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 & 6 metres

Max Power: 200W SSB

Impedance: 50Ω

VSWR: <1.5:1

Length: 4.6m

Radial length: approx 1.8m

Weight: 4.9kg

Mast size: 30-62mm

CP6 6 band trapped vertical \$579

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 & 10 metres

Max Power: 200W SSB

Impedance: 50Ω

VSWR: <1.5:1

Length: 4.6m

Radial length: approx 1.8m

Weight: 4.5kg

Mast size: 30-62mm

CP5 5 band trapped vertical \$539

CP725 4 band trapped vertical \$469

Bands: 40, 15, 10 & 6 metres

Max Power: 200W SSB

Impedance: 50Ω

VSWR: <1.5:1

Length: 3.4m

Radial length: approx 1.8m

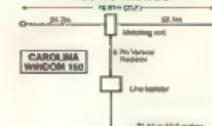
Weight: 3kg

Mast size: 30-62mm

RADIO WORKS

Carolina Windom 160

160-10 metres



Specifications

Bands: 160, 10 metres
 Radiator length: Horizontal 68.58m.
 Feedline: 50Ω coax cable
 Matching: Matching unit & transmatch
 Transmatch:
 Yes, needed
 Power Rating: 1500 Watts
 Rec. Height: 12m, usable at 10.7m

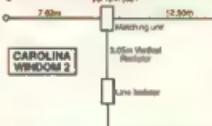
MT105

Carolina Windom 160

\$220

Carolina Windom - 2

10-10 metres



Specifications

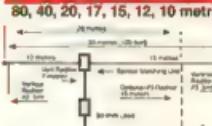
Radiator length: Horizontal 20.13m
 Feedline: 50Ω coax cable
 Matching: Matching unit & transmatch
 Transmatch:
 Yes, needed
 Power Rating: 1500 Watts
 Rec. Height: 9.2m, usable at 7.4m

MT103

Carolina Windom

\$169

40-10 Metres inc. WARC bands



Specifications

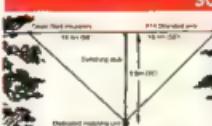
Radiator length: Horizontal 26m or 30.5m.
 Feedline: 50Ω coax cable
 Matching: Matching unit & transmatch
 Transmatch:
 Yes, needed
 Power Rating: 1500 Watts
 Rec. Height: 9m, usable at 9m

MT104

Carolina Windom 2

\$169

Carolina Beam 2



Specifications

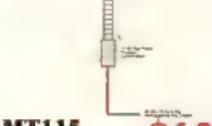
Radiator length: Horizontal 13m or 15m.
 Feedline: 50Ω coax cable
 Matching: Matching unit & transmatch
 Transmatch:
 Yes, needed
 Power Rating: 1500 Watts
 Rec. Height: 9m, usable at 8m

MT110

Carolina Beam 2

\$198

SUPER LOOP



Specifications

Radiator length: Horizontal 20.13m
 Feedline: 50Ω coax cable
 Matching: Matching unit & transmatch
 Transmatch:
 Yes, needed
 Power Rating: 1500 Watts
 Rec. Height: 12m

MT106

Super Loop

\$200

G5RV Plus

80, 40, 30, 20, 15, 10 Metres

Specifications

Computer Optimized
 #14 Hard-drawn copper antenna wire
 Glass-filled insulators
 Gold-coated Tuning Sh.b
 Coax line supplied for connectors

MT115

G5RV Plus antenna

\$121

Frequency coverage: 80 - 10 metres

Polarisation: Both vertical & horizontal

Radiator length: Horizontal 34.2m

Feedline: 50Ω coax cable

Matching: Matching unit & transmatch

Transmatch:
 Yes, needed

Power Rating: 1500 Watts

Rec. Height: >12m

RG 8X

>> 1500 Watts

Recommended Height: >12m

CP5

CP5 5 band trapped vertical

CP725 4 band trapped vertical

Glasmaster On-glass antennas

- 144-148 430-450MHz
- 2dB gain @ 2m
- 6dB gain @ 70cm
- VSWR <1.5:1
- Power 50 Watts
- Feed tunable
- 4.3m RG-58 cable
- PL-259 plug fitted
- Modern black finish

GM270 \$119



GM270

X700H

GM144

GM144 \$79.95

- Replacement whip for GM144
- Wh p. base and remount kit
- VSWR <1.5:1
- Power 50 Watts
- Feed tunable
- 4.3m RG-58 cable
- PL-259 plug fitted
- Modern black finsh

GM144 \$79.95

Replacement whip for GM144 \$19.80

RWV144 Wh p. base and remount kit \$49.80

GM270RW Replacement whip for GM270 \$23.80

RWV270 Wh p. base and remount kit \$71.80

TMGKD Remount kit for either model \$17.50

5 Bands mobile

- 75, 40, 20, 15 & 10 metres
- 1.22m mast with V-24 thread
- 40/75m easily tunable
- Resonators & top section included
- Parts available separately

AB5 \$239

HF Monoband whips

- Available for all HF bands
- 1.22m helical lower section with 1.22m stainless steel wh p section
- Very economical
- Grounded ght
- Strong fibreglass forms

Model	Band	Bandwidth	Price
PHF180	180m	120Hz	\$165
PHF75	75m	560Hz	\$80
PHF40	40m	100Hz	\$48
PHF30	30m	100kHz	\$48
PHF20	20m	150kHz	\$48
PHF17	17m	175kHz	\$48
PHF15	15m	200kHz	\$48
PHF12	12m	300kHz	\$48
PHF10	10m	500kHz	\$48
PHF8	8m	1MHz	\$48

1/4-24 antenna mounts

	MM3401 \$120
	VL-105ADT \$15
	VL-105ADT Heavy Duty mount \$15
	VL-219 Bumper mount \$22
	SS504 HD Spring \$22

DIAMOND Antenna is one of the most respected names in Japan, with a huge range of HF, VHF and UHF mobile and base station antennas. Made only from the highest quality materials and finished to perfection DIAMOND is an antenna to be proud of!

DIAMOND
ANTENNA

Triplex band base station antennas

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
Triplex band base station antennas											
XTR600	2m 70cm	8.5dBi 1.7dBi	100W 100W	<1.5:1	5m	52cm	2.2kg				\$399
XTR600	2m 70cm 25cm	8.5dBi 0.6dBi 8.5dBi	100W 100W 80W		3.05m	88cm	1.8kg				\$359
XTR600	2m 70cm 23cm	8.5dBi 1.1dBi	100W total		1.8m	18cm	900g				\$299
XTR600	2m 70cm 27cm	3.1dBi 0.7dBi	100W 100W		1.3m	19cm	730g				\$279

30-62 mm

Dual band base station antennas

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
XTR600	2m 70cm	8.5dBi 1.7dBi	200W		7.2m	52cm	5.8kg				\$599
XTR1644	2m 70cm	8.5dBi 1.7dBi	200W		5.2m	52cm	2kg				\$389
XTR1644	2m 70cm	8.5dBi 1.1dBi	200W		5.2m	52cm	2kg				\$389
XTR600	2m 70cm	7.9dBi 1.1dBi	200W total		4.8m	52cm	2.2kg				\$299
XTR600	2m 70cm	6.5dBi 0.6dBi	200W		3.1m	52cm	1.8kg				\$249
XTR600	2m 70cm	6.5dBi 0.6dBi	200W		2.5m	52cm	1.2kg				\$229
XTR600	2m 70cm	4.5dBi 7.2dBi	200W		1.7m	18cm	900g				\$169
XTR600	2m 70cm	3.1dBi 0.7dBi	200W		1.3m	19cm	600g				\$149

30-62 mm

Single band G/H series verticals

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
G/H2	20-70m	4.4dBi	3kW	1kW PEP	5.1m	80cm	2.8kg				\$159
G/H2	20-70m	3.8dBi	300W	AM	5.6m	80cm	2.8kg				\$149
G/H3	40m	6.6dBi	200W		6.8m	1.5m	3.7kg				\$199
G/H3	50-55m	3.4dBi	200W PEP		9.4m	1.8m	3.8kg				\$149

Triplex band G/H series vertical

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
Triplex band G/H series vertical											
V2000	6M 7M 70cm	2.15dBi 0.7dBi 8.4dBi	150W	<1.5:1	2.5m	92cm	1.2kg				\$249
N series mobile whips											
N40P	20m	8.4dBi	60W								\$135
N516	2m 70cm	3.6dBi 5.5dBi	200W								\$119
N516	2m 70cm	4.5dBi 5.5dBi	120W								\$179

CR series mobile whips (UHF base)

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
CR series mobile whips (UHF base)											
CR27	6m	2.15dBi	120W								\$159
CR27	7m	7.3dBi	120W								\$159
CR1027	10m	2.15dBi	200W								\$199
CR1027	70cm	1.0dBi	100W	70cm							\$89
CR8	6m	2.15dBi	200W								\$89

SG series mobile whip

Model	Bands	Gain	Power	VSWR	Length	Radius	Length	Weight	Wind	UWB	Price
SG series mobile whip											
SG5000	6m	2.15dBi	200W	<1.5							\$129

DIAMOND HF mobile whips

Diamond HF whips are available as complete assemblies (MD4020 shown on right) or as a whip element (MD200) to which you add bottom loading coils. Buy the whip and add coils as you need them. Base and mount are extra.

Model	Description	Price
HF Mobile whip		
MD4020	40-metric mtr in whip 2m long	\$299
HF Mobile whip system		
MD200	Mobile whip element without loading coil	\$179
MDC3B	3m interchangeable loading coil	\$139
MDC40	40m interchangeable loading coil	\$129
MDC20	20m interchangeable loading coil	\$129
MDC15	15m interchangeable loading coil	\$119
MDC10	10m interchangeable loading coil	\$119
MDC6	6m interchangeable coil	\$119

VHF/UHF Power amplifiers

Compact HT power amplifiers



Two mode s, one for 2 metres (RFC2-23) and one for 70cm (RFC4-32) are designed as low cost power amplifiers for use with traditional 2 watt hand-held transceivers. These compact amplifiers are designed for SSB use as well as FM and so can be used with all mode portables or mobiles such as the Yaesu FT-290R and FT-790R etc.

RFC2-23 2mtr 2-30W, with preamp

\$339

RFC4-32 70cm 3-20W, with preamp

\$450

Dual band HT power amplifier

The 2/70G has two independent amplifiers, one for 2 metres and one for 70cm with band sensing circuitry to automatically select the band you are transmitting on.

Separate GaAs-FET preamps are provided for each band, so you get improved weak signal performance on both bands.

Frequency range:

144-148MHz

430-440MHz

Power input:

1 to 5 watts

Max. input:

7 watts

Power output:

30W on 2 metres for 5W in
20W on 70 cm for 5W in
into 50Ω load, ALC limited
<6A @ 13.8V DC

Current:

22mA@129.52mm

Connectors:

BNC female

RFC 2/70G

2m/70cm HT power amp

\$555

All Mirage and rfconcepts amplifiers have a full twelve month warranty with service carried out in Australia by Daycom.

High power dual band amplifier



The revolutionary new rfconcepts 2/70H amplifier is without question the most technologically advanced power amplifier on the market today.

ONE AMPLIFIER - The 2/70H isn't just two amplifiers in one box. It is a single amplifier using a dual RF-Power MOSFET device with a total of six broadband transformers for optimal matching over the entire frequency range.

TWO FILTERS - An amplifier of this power capability needs to have separate filters for each band. These are automatically selected in the 2/70H—don't worry, just transmit!

SWR PROTECTION - The 2/70H has a high performance dual-directional coupler in the output circuit which automatically calculates SWR, not just measures returned power. You can monitor output power or SWR on a front panel LED indicator.

Frequency range: 144-148MHz, 430-440MHz

Power input: 20 to 50 watts (FM only)

Maximum input: 50 watts

Power output: 200W (2 metres) 125W (70 cm)

Current: <40A @ 13.8V DC

Size: 204x305x102mm

Weight: 5kg

Connectors: Type "N" female

RFC 2/70H

2m/70cm High power amp

\$1482

High power, all mode power amplifiers.

High power HT amplifiers



The rfconcepts VHF1-60 is the perfect mate for your 2 metre hand-held radio. Given 1 to 8 watts input you get a full 60 watts of RF output power automatically. When operated with a dual-band handle-talkie, the VHF1-60 automatically senses a 2-metre input and produces 60 watts. When 70 cm input is present, the VHF1-60 leaves the amplifier off, passing the signal directly to the antenna.

Frequency range 144-148MHz

Power input: 1 to 8 watts

Power output: 60W into 50Ω load.

A/C line fed

Current: <14A @ 13.8V DC

Size: 127x229x74mm

Weight: 3.2kg

Connectors: SO-239 (UHF female)

RFC VHF1-60

2m HT 60W power amp

\$510

The rfconcepts UHF-50 is the 70cm version of this amplifier. Designed to take 3 watts in and produce 50 watts out it has a lot of the same features as the VHF1-60.

RFC UHF-50

70cm HT 50W power amp

\$539

MIRAGE VHF/UHF Power amplifiers for all modes

MR-A1015G

6mtr 10-15W with preamp

\$807

MR-A1035G

6mtr 10-35W with preamp

\$1355

MR-B23

2mtr 2-30W no preamp

\$275

MR-B23G

2mtr 2-30W with preamp

\$365

MR-B215G

2mtr 2-150W with preamp

\$785

MR-B108G

2mtr 10-80W with preamp

\$470

MR-B1016G

2mtr 10-160W with preamp

\$785

MR-B2516G

2mtr 25-160W with preamp

\$660

MR-B5016G

2mtr 50-160W with preamp

\$660

MR-B1030G

2mtr 10-30W with preamp

\$1425

MR-B2530G

2mtr 25-300W with preamp

\$1425

MR-B5030G 2mtr 50-300W with preamp **\$1390**

MR-B1060G 2mtr 10-60W with preamp **\$2270**

MR-B2560G 2mtr 25-600W with preamp **\$2270**

MR-B5060G 2mtr 50-600W with preamp **\$2270**

MR-D15N 70cm 1-15W no preamp **\$415**

MR-D26N 70cm 2-60W no preamp **\$585**

MR-D100ATV 70cm 1-52W for ATV **\$860**

MR-D1010N 70cm 10-100W no preamp **\$860**

MR-D1010ATV 70cm 10-100W for ATV **\$860**

MR-D3010N 70cm 30-100W no preamp **\$794**

MR-D3010ATV 70cm 30-100W for ATV **\$794**

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Built in the USA to the highest standards, all Mirage amplifiers carry a full one year warranty from the factory with local service available. High power amplifiers are fitted with copper heat sinks. All Mirage amplifiers can be remote-controlled to permit mounting in a convenient location.

hy-gain®

by Telex



Hy-Gain AR40 - .28m²

For small common cation antennas up to 28m², the AR40 is an economic rotator using a dc brake and low voltage control ideal for medium size VHF/UHF arrays.

- Dual 12 ball bearing race
- Automatic positon sensor
- Fully automatic control
- Solid state control
- Low voltage operation
- Maximum mast size 52mm
- Includes lower mast support

AR40 rotator

\$503

Hy-Gain CD4511 - .79m²

The same external dimensions as the AR40 but heavier duty, the CD4511 will handle a 4 element tri-band or that bigger VHF array with ease.

- Dual 48 ball bearing race
- Diecast ring gear
- Stamped steel gear drive system
- Illuminated directional indicator
- Snap action control switches
- Low voltage control
- Maximum mast size 52mm
- Includes lower mast support

CD4511 rotator

\$704

Hy-Gain HAM IV - 1.4m²

Heavy duty antennas, such as large tribanders and big HF monobanders need a heavy duty rotator, like the HAM-IV with its wedge brake.

- New high strength ring gear
- Dual 98 ball bearing race
- Electric locking steel wedge brake
- Illuminated directional indicator
- Zener regulated control circuit
- Snap action control switches
- Maximum mast size 52mm
- Lower mast support optional

HAM-IV rotator

\$997

Hy-Gain TX Tailtwister - 1.9m²

For multiple HI+antenna arrays or HF+VHF arrays the TX Tailtwister has:

- Thickwall castings for large load handling
- 138 ball bearings
- Triple bearing race
- Machined hardened steel drive gear
- Electric locking steel wedge brake
- Low voltage control
- Maximum mast size 52mm
- Lower mast support optional

TX Tailtwister rotator **\$1250**

Mast bearings, mast clamps, cable and parts all available, please call for details!

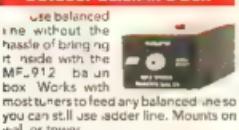
Bench 1:1 balun



Harmonic radiation causing TVI
 ■ UV resistant case
 ■ Heavy brass terminals
 ■ Plated copper lugs
 ■ Custom 'O' ring on connector
 ■ No rusting parts

MT091 Bench 1:1 balun **\$66**

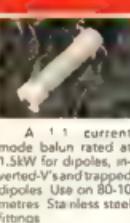
Outdoor balun-in-a-box



One balanced line without the hassle of binding it inside the MF-912 balun box. Works with most tuners to feed any balanced line so you can still use ladder line. Mounts on wall or tower.

MFJ912 Outdoor balun **\$99**

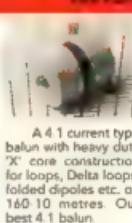
4:1 1:1 current mode balun



mode balun rated at 1.5kW for dipoles, inverted-V's and trapped dipoles. Use on 80-10 metres. Stainless steel fittings

MT113 **\$48**
 B1.2K 1:1 balun

4:1 4:1 current type



balun with heavy duty 'X' core construction for loops, Delta loops, folded dipoles etc. on 160-10 metres. Our best 4:1 balun

MT111 **\$87**
 B4.2K 4:1 balun

4:1 1:1 type balun



for feeding Y-arrays, Delta loops, folded dipoles etc. on 50-10metres or for low impedance 160 metre applications.

MT114 **\$67**
 B4.2K 4:1 balun

A high performance 4:1 balun



for feeding open-wire feedline into the shack with coax. Withstands high SWR loads from antenna tuners.

MT112 **\$105**
 New Remote

The 1:1 balun designed for feeding Yaesu



It has a 5kW power rating and excellent balance to help improve beam performance on 160-10M.

MT095 **\$67**
 Y1.5K 1:1 balun

450Ω Open wire line

This is a window type ladder-line. Conductors are #18 CopperWeld wire. It is perfect for use in any application requiring a low loss open wire line. Colour: Black only.

MT3028 **\$36.00**
 30mtr roll

#14 Hard drawn Copper

This is the standard antenna wire. Stranding is very tight, it is flexible, has a long service life, and is easy to use. For all wire antennas up to 150ft between supports.

WL001X100 **\$26.60**
 30mtr roll

WL001X150 **\$39.93**
 45mtr roll

#13 VARIFLEX insulated
 Extremely tough jacket cover over a very flexible wire. Also known as 'as hot as hell' 7-strand wire. Use where insulated wire is desired, in trees, for example. Resistant to acid rain and corrosive contaminants. In the air

WL002X150 **\$78.65**
 45mtr roll

Dacron rope

4 mm Dacron® polyester rope. This is a very toe rope. Dacron® polyester line that is cut lengths. Nylon line is typical amateur line. It has an outer abrasion resistance cover that is impregnated with a special chemise that resists the ageing effects caused by the sun. The centre core is made of very strong solid braided Dacron®. The result is a long life support, he doesn't stretch. You cannot buy this type of support line at your friend's hardware store, so we keep a stock on hand in 30 metre & 60 metre hanks.

WL004X100 **\$26.60**
 30mtr hank

WL004X200 **\$53.24**
 60mtr hank

Kantronics packet solutions

HostMaster-MAC

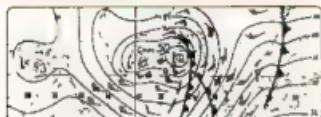
All the usual Macintosh interface features you would expect with a lot of the modes that a KAM+ can do. In fact HostMaster-MAC offers more than many packet only programmes.

- ✓ Separate window for each connection with full split screen functions
- ✓ 10 buffers for EACH MODE
- ✓ PACTOR support for KAM+ & enhanced KAM
- ✓ Packet conferencing or round-table packet, even non-HostMaster users can join in.

ML072 HostMaster MAC

\$95

SuperFax-II



Weather Facsimile (WEFAX) reception programme for Kantronics TNCs

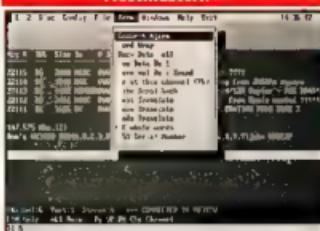
- Unattended: automatically detects, synchronises & saves picture to disk
- Semi-automatic: automatically detects start of picture, synchronises, receives picture to buffer
- Manual mode: synchronise incoming picture with function keys, capture incoming picture to buffer, turn buffer on/off, or save directly to disk
- View from buffer or disk file
- Display black on white, or white on black
- Print capture picture to Epson or compatible graph as printer's 5 moss 9 pin graphics printers.
- 120 lpm for weather or 60 lpm for wire photos.
- Split-screen terminal mode
- Supports CGA, EGA, VGA & Hercules graphics.

Requires Kantronics KAM or KPC series using version 2.0 or later firmware.

ML055 Superfax for IBM-PC

\$45

HostMasterII+



The Host MasterII+ terminal programme provides a great way to carry on a packet conversation (or several conversations) monitor what else is happening on the channel while keeping everything separate. Plus, with the KAM, work any HF mode at the same time.

The XmitEcho window shows characters as they are transmitted by an HF mode. What you receive from a mode other than packet, such as RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR or Pactor, displays in the Non-Packet Receive Window.

- ✓ Menu driven from keyboard or mouse
- ✓ 10 buffers, each sent with single keystroke
- ✓ PACTOR support for KAM+ & enhanced KAM
- ✓ Replay last line typed on each channel
- ✓ Scroll back in Monitor and Receive windows.
- ✓ Supports up to 50 line VGA video.
- ✓ Upload and Download Binary or ASCII files. Each window can capture its own separate file
- ✓ Edit and save Received Scrollback buffers.
- ✓ Character Translations supported separately for transmit and receive
- ✓ Supports mouse, printer, COM ports 1-4
- ✓ Text Editor, with cut and paste capability

ML060 HostMasterII+ for IBM-PC

\$110

Give your KAM 128K RAM, Pactor and now G-TOR!

The KAM Enhancement Board provides KAM owners with all the same features as the new KAM Plus. The Enhancement Board fits easily within the KAM case, plugging into the EPROM and RAM sockets. Many optional features for the KAM are now standard in the Enhancement Board.

- G-Tor & Pactor
- On-board real-time clock
- battery-backed RAM

New hardware and firmware features have been added, most significantly, the expansion of RAM and EPROM space to 128K bytes. The enlarged RAM creates about 100K of personal mailbox space! The increased EPROM space makes possible add-on firmware features and provides room for future expansion.

New hardware features:

- 128K bytes of RAM
- EPROM space expanded to 1 Megabits
- Replaceable lithium cell for clock & RAM backup

New firmware additions:

- New-user and expert command sets
- Enhanced mailbox command set
- Extended RTTY & AMTOR character sets
- On-line help messages for each command
- Enhanced CW Farnsworth, weighting, tone transmitted CW

ML030D KAM enhancement board **\$160**

Upgrade your KAM+

Gee, is it out of date already? No, not really the KAMs at Kantronics just like making it better and better! Any KAM-Plus (or KAM with enhancement board) can be updated to include the latest HF mode, G-Tor, and all of the latest enhancements to the ever-popular Kantronics multi-mode controllers.

Upgrade Your KAM!

HostMasterII+ owners with version 3.0 or later can upgrade to version 3.3, the latest edition with full support for G-Tor and Pactor.

Kantronics Data Engine



The Kantronics Data Engine is built to keep pace with our changing times. For faster packet or experimentation and development, while remaining compatible with today's AX 25 system, a Data Engine is your answer!

You can install a second modem for dual port operation. Modems are available with data rates up to 19,200 baud. GBBPQ Packet Switch firmware is also available.

- EPROM sockets for up to 1/2 MB of firmware
- V40 processor 10 MHz clock (PC compatible)
- Each port capable of >56 K baud, full or half duplex (depending on installed modems)
- Install modems internally, or externally via back panel connectors
- Low power: nominally 150 mA @ 12 VDC
- Size: 45 x 150 x 225mm, Weight: 1.2kg

ML034 Data Engine only

\$669

ML034A DE with 1200bps modem

\$792

ML034M3 Modem developer's kit

\$45

ML034M4 Firmware developer's kit

\$45

ML036 DE 1200bps modem

\$172

ML038 DE 9600/192 kbps modem

\$212

KPC-4 Dual-port Packet Controller



The KPC-4 is a Packet Communicator with two radio ports and two modems. You can operate from both ports at the same time, and if desired provide a gateway between them.

Most commands have dual-port settings allowing you to adjust each port to the characteristics of the attached radio and operating conditions.

- Software Carrier Detect — you can run open squelch and detect weaker signals
- Personal Packet Mailbox (PPBS) features programmable size, reverse forwarding, TO field editing, mail-waiting indicator
- Automatically transfers connects to PPBS
- Host Mode for HOSTMASTER software
- Weather Facsimile reception with optional programme
- Full duplex capability
- KISS mode for TCP/IP or BB5 use
- Baud rates: 1200, 600, 400, 300
- 32K RAM
- Supports up to 26 packet connections (streams).
- Size: 45 x 150 x 200mm, 1.2kg
- Requires 12 VDC @ <250 mA
- Optional SmartWatch — Stores PPBS messages, and keeps date and time when unit is turned off.

ML032 KPC-4 dual port packet TNC **\$599**

Kantronics WeatherNode



The Kantronics WeatherNode collects data from attached sensors and stores it in battery-backed RAM, which can then be accessed via a packet radio or telephone modem. To request information from the WeatherNode, you simply connect and request information with the Data command.

The WeatherNode connects to the serial port of your TNC, and may also be connected to your computer serial port. Front panel switches allow three modes of operation: local, remote or bypass. The bypass mode bypasses the WeatherNode completely and allows you to use your TNC normally.

- External & internal temperature sensors supplied.
- Temperature read range -4°F to +95°F
- Data command retrieves only the information you want.
- Password protected remote access
- Connects to any TNC
- RS-232 or TTL levels selected by internal jumper
- Accepts up to seven sensors
- Size: 45 x 150 x 203mm, 1kg
- Power Requirements: 12 - 20 VDC, <45 mA

ML043A WeatherNode

\$642

ML043S3 Anemometer

\$244

ML043S2 Rain gauge

\$190

multi-mode mastery – Kantronics

- ★ Dual Ports
- ★ HF & VHF Packet
- ★ AMTOR Modes A & B
- ★ AMTEX / NAVTEX
- ★ RTTY (Baudot & ASCII)
- ★ CW (5-99 WPM)
- ★ Sophisticated PBBS
- ★ Can use different modes on VHF and HF simultaneously!

\$729 Stock No.
ML030E
Freight \$15

Two Radio Ports, Two Modems

The KAM+ has two radio ports, one especially for HF modes and one for VHF packet. Both ports can be used simultaneously, allowing you to operate packet from both ports at the same time, or provide a packet gateway between the two ports. If you are using the HF port for a mode other than packet, your VHF port can still be operating with your packet mailbox, digipeater, and KA-node functions. If you are using a Host Mode terminal programme, you can simultaneously work VHF packet and any HF mode. Amtor & Pactor users have access to the same mail box as VHF packet users.

Modes

The VHF port is used for 1200 baud packet, and reception of weather facsimile (WEFAX) when used with an HF radio.

The HF port supports 50 to 300 baud packet, 20 to 500 baud RTTY/ASCII, Amtor Mode A (ARQ) and Mode B (FEC or SE/FEC), G-Tor, Pactor, Navtex, Amteks message formats; preprogrammed 170, 425 and 850 Hz shift, plus user definable mark and space tones; as well as S – 99 words per minute CW with Farnsworth mode.



The KAM+ also supports a personal packet mailbox accessible from both ports and from Amtor as well as Packet modes. KISS mode for high level protocols such as TCP/IP works in multi-drop mode. Host mode for enhanced terminal programmes. KA-Node (similar to Net/Rom) for links which are more reliable than digipeating. You can also set up a Gateway or KA-Node between the two ports.

- ★ Software Carrier Detect – run open squelch and detect weaker signals
- ★ Full duplex capability on VHF port
- ★ Large bargraph tuning indicator for easy HF tuning
- ★ AMTOR – provides for 7 or 9 char SELCALS, re-linking, and compatibility with 4 char operation
- ★ CW – Selectable bandwidth and centre frequency
- ★ NAVTEX / AMTEX – Using AMTEX mode you can copy ARRL bulletins.
- ★ RTTY / ASCII – User definable mark & space tones.

- ★ Personal Packet and Amtor/Pactor/G-Tor Mailbox (PBBS) features: programmable size now up to 500K bytes, reverse forwarding, TO held editing, mail waiting indicator
- ★ Automatically transfer connects to PBBS
- ★ Host Mode support for simultaneous VHF packet and any HF mode
- ★ Weather Facsimile (WEFAX) reception with optional programme.
- ★ Battery-backed RAM and Clock built-in
- ★ 128K RAM with option to 512K
- ★ Relais, fast acting AGC eliminates the need for a manual threshold adjustment
- ★ Size: 45 x 150 x 225mm, 1.2kg
- ★ Requires 12 VDC at < 300 mA

Options

- ★ Terminal and Wefax programmes for PC compatibles, Macintosh and Commodore C64/128
- ★ Host Master terminal programmes provide capability to simultaneously work VHF packet and any HF mode (for PC, C64 or Macintosh)

Kantronics KPC-3



The high performance, low power, small sized TNC. This TNC for both new and experienced users features a dual-level command set with 23 and 1380 commands respectively and incorporates the Kantronics full-featured PBBS system.

The KPC-3 and KPC-9612 are Kantronics answers to the high costs, high power consumption and lack of features of some manufacturers. These packet controllers are suitable for portable and emergency operation as well as having a lot of the features you need for home operation.

- ★ New user mode for simple operation and set-up.
- ★ Two comprehensive and easy to read manuals make installation and operation truly easy.
- ★ Has HOST MODE for HostMaster software.
- ★ Competes with KISS mode, KA-NODE and WeFax, just like all the 'big' TNCs and
- ★ PBBS works just like the WORLDBBS system!

ML073 KPC-3 packet controller **\$279**

ML073B Real-time clock option kit **\$35**

Kantronics KPC-9612



Full dual port performance at both 9600 baud and 1200 baud with cross-port gateway and digipeating, enough to make the competition weep! The KPC-9612 has all of the features of the KPC-3 and a whole lot more!

The KPC-9612 combines the features of the KPC-3 with a new 9600 baud modem designed for ease of setup and low power operation.

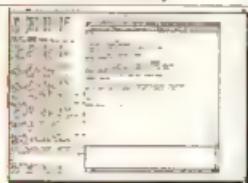
With the KPC-9612 Kantronics have also added several control lines in each port so that you can control relays or radios with ease from your packet software. Fully remotely controllable with password protection. Supplied as standard with 32K of RAM.

- ★ KPC-9612 specific features:
- ★ Easily adjusted output levels
- ★ Simple to adjust equaliser
- ★ Cross port gateway
- ★ Dual port mailbox
- ★ Cross port digipeating
- ★ Ideal for PACSAT operation at 9600 baud
- ★ Multi-drop KISS for ease of use with NOS

ML074 KPC-9612 packet controller **\$535**

Savant packet software (Macintosh)

- ★ Icons show channel status
- ★ Split window interface
- ★ Status bar shows channel information
- ★ Open as many concurrent connections as you want
- ★ System 7 compatible, 32 bit clean
- ★ Works with any KISS capable TNC



Savant!
software for the Macintosh
will work with all
Kantronics, DRSI, MFJ or
other packet equipment
using KISS mode!

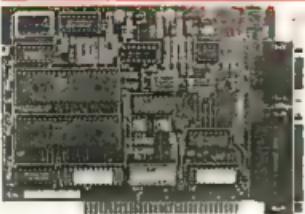
BX468
Savant software

\$79

Savant software for the Mac is the best we have found for packet work. A simple and intuitive to use programme, Savant has as the features as you could want. Works with AEA, DRSI, PacCom, MFJ or Kantronics TNCs in KISS mode.



PC/Packet adaptors



Enjoy packet without the need for TNCs cluttering up the place! The DRSI PC/Packet Adapter is the ideal way to get on packet without losing COM ports on your computer, especially if you are running a BBS or network system. All DRSI PC/Packet Adapters have two separate output ports allowing them to use one or two radios. The three types differ in the configuration of the modems on the card and those supported externally.

PC/Packet Adapter Type 1.

The basic type with one on-board 1200 bps AFSK modem for VHF/UHF use and provision for one external modem. The second port can be connected to an HF modem or a high speed modem. Options DCD card can be fitted.

ML004 DRSI type 1 card \$299

PC/Packet Adapter Type 2.

The Type 2 adaptor has two 1200 bps modems for BBS and more sophisticated applications. Both ports may have DCD cards fitted.

ML005 DRSI type 2 card \$363

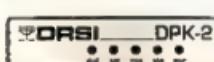
HF Modem

For use with type 1 cards, the DRSI HF modem offers superior performance. Power is derived from the PC/Packet Adapter but the modem can be placed with the HF radio for ease of tuning and use.

ML009 HF modem \$171

DRSI Packet TNC

The DRSI DPK-2 redesigns the state-of-the-art TAPR TNC-2 compatible packet controller. It is a compact, six port, A-L CMOS design with 100% TNC-2 firmware compatibility and runs ROSE & NET/ROM. It comes with version 1.1a TAPR firmware, enhanced with the DRSI Personal Message System (PMS).



- ★ TNC-2 compatible @ 1200 bps TNC
- ★ Optional HF modem (ML009)
- ★ Runs ROSE & NET/ROM firmware
- ★ Includes paKeT 5.1 software
- ★ Personal Message System
- ★ Battery-backed RAM
- ★ Power required <40mA @ 12VDC
- ★ No-tune crystal-locked modem
- ★ Quality American made

ML006 DRSI DPK-2 TNC \$279

Low cost 9600bps at last!

The DRSI DPK-9600 takes the technology of high speed packet one step closer to the plug and play goa we have all been waiting for. For the first time assembling a 9600bps system can be as simple as getting a 1200bps system on a r-



The DRSI DPK-9600 is the ideal TNC for high speed packet radio. A single chip FSK modem is combined with a custom programmable logic device to produce a TNC which is 100% compatible with the G3RUH and K9NG modem designs.

Modem is jumper-selectable for 4800, 9600 and 19200bps speeds with serial port speeds of up to 384kbps. Uses any TAPR TNC-2 compatible firmware without modification.

- ★ TNC-2 compatible high speed TNC
- ★ Jumper-selectable speeds
- ★ Runs ROSE & NET/ROM firmware
- ★ Includes paKeT 5.1 software
- ★ Personal Message System
- ★ Battery-backed RAM
- ★ Power required <40mA @ 12VDC
- ★ Radio modification details supplied
- ★ Quality American made

ML010 DRSI DPK-9600 TNC \$459

Fastway Packet!



High speed options and TNCs

All MFJ controllers are available with the 2400 baud modem fitted for easy operation of 300, 1200 & 2400 bps packet. You can order the controller factory modified with the TURBO option fitted by using the following model numbers:

MFJ1278BT 2400 bps MFJ1278

\$799

MFJ1270CT 2400 bps MFJ1270C

\$429

MFJ1276T 2400 bps MFJ1276

\$519

Any MFJ TNC, and most types from other manufacturers which have a standard modem disconnect header, can be fitted with the MFJ2400 2400 bps QPSK modem

MFJ2400 2400bps for MFJ TNCs

\$200

MFJ2400X 2400bps for PK-232

\$200

The MFJ9600 is a 9600bps modem compatible with the G3RUH design and compatible with the 9600 baud products manufactured by PacComm, DRSI and Kantronics.

MFJ9600 9600bps modem card

\$245

You can also order any MFJ TNC with a 9600 baud modem fitted.

MFJ1278BQ 9600 bps MFJ1278B

\$829

MFJ1270CQ 9600 bps MFJ1270C

\$459

MFJ1276Q 9600 bps MFJ1276C

\$549

Note: Not all radios are compatible with 9600 baud operation

DAYCOM, Australia's leading packet supplier, can fit you out with the best in high speed packet and memory expansion options

Our showroom has all of the latest packet equipment on display, just waiting for you to try it on air, whilst our workshop is open to you to help you sort out your interconnection and set-up problems. If you need assistance, just call.

Upgrade your existing MFJ1278!

If you already have an MFJ1278 or MFJ127B you can upgrade your existing multi-mode controller to have most of the features of the MFJ1278B. You will get PACTOR, enhanced multi I/O box and with the latest Multicom upgrade you get a lot of the colour 557V features and ease of use of the new MFJ1278B.

MFJ56A upgrade with 32k RAM

\$160

MFJ56B upgrade with 128k RAM

\$200

MFJ56C upgrade with 512k RAM

\$500

Memory Expansion

For expanding MFJ1278B, MFJ127DC, MFJ1276, KPC-3 or KAM+ control ers order these kits

MFJ45A 32k RAM chip kit

\$16

MFJ45B 128k RAM chip kit

\$30

MFJ45C 512k RAM chip kit

\$400

Packet Connecting cables

Radio Type	MFJ DRSI PacCom	A EA PK232	AEA PK68	Kantronics HF	Kantronics VHF
Icom/Yaesu Handheld	MFJ5024	MFJ5024X	MFJ5024Z		MFJ5024YV
Kenwood Handheld	MFJ5026	MFJ5026X	MFJ5026Z		MFJ5026YV
Yaesu 8 pin radios	MFJ5080	MFJ5080X	MFJ5080Z	MFJ5080YH	MFJ5080YY
Icom 8 pin radios	MFJ5084	MFJ5084X	MFJ5084Z	MFJ5084YH	MFJ5084YY
Kenwood/Airco 8 pin radios	MFJ5088	MFJ5088X	MFJ5088Z	MFJ5088YH	MFJ5088YY

MFJ packet cables all types listed above

\$37.50

MIC/TNC SWITCH

MFJ1272B for MFJ/DRSI TNCs

\$87.00

MFJ1272BX for AEA PK 232

\$99.00

MFJ1272BYH for KAM HF port

\$99.00

MFJ1272BVY for Kantronics VHF port

\$99.00

MFJ1272BZ for AEA PK-8

\$99.00

MFJ1272TM for MFJ/DRSI TNC to RJ45

\$87.00

MFJ1272MX for AEA PK-232 to RJ45

\$99.00

MFJ1272MYV for Kantronics VHF port

\$99.00

MFJ1272MZ for AEA PK-88

\$99.00

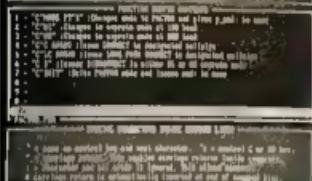
Make life even easier, use the MFJ1272B Microphone / TNC switch with any radio using a standard 8 pin microphone plug. Suits ICOM, Kenwood, Yaesu & others.

Internal jumpers permit custom configuration of connections, speaker input and output available for older radios.

**MFJ1278B & Multicom
give you FAX, SSTV and
WEFAX too!**



Two sample PICTURES from MFJ1278B Multicom software.



MFJ1289 MultCom software gives you easy to use menu-based operation of all 10 modes of the MFJ1278B (or older MFJ1278) Packet, Pactor, Amtor, 16 grey level FAX, B+W or Colour SSTV, RTTY, ASCI I, CW, Navtex and a full featured Contest Memory Keypad.

High Resolution FAX

You can see up-to-date weather information right on your screen, as well as photo FAX from AP and UP, as well as others. The MFJ1278B and MultCom will transmit as well as receive in FAX mode.

Colour SSTV

MFJ's MultCom can use a PCX format graphic file as an SSTV picture to be sent and will save incoming pictures in this format for later use. Now you can use all of the features of your new graphics packages on the PC to generate exciting SSTV pictures.

MFJ1289 \$110
Advanced software system

SOFTWARE

MFJ software supports the features of the MFJ digital data controllers on a range of computers.

MFJ1284 Basic pack for IBM-PC All basic features but no grey scale FAX or SSTV \$49.95

MFJ1287 Starter pack for Apple Mac. Basic features, no grey scale operation, but has FAX \$49.95

MFJ1288B MULTICOM for Commodore C64/128 latest version with lots of new features \$79.95

MFJ1289 Basic pack (tape) for VIC 20 A simple terminal programme \$49.95

MFJ1289 Packet picture software. Can be used with any packet hardware for packet pictures. \$19.95

MFJ1290 MultCom for Commodore Amiga, fully featured all mode software \$79.95

MFJ Packet & multimode controllers

MFJ1278B — our most popular multimode!



Only the MFJ1278B brings you the widest possible selection of modes, 10 in all including Pactor, Amtor, Colour SSTV, 16 level FAX, Packet, RTTY, ASCII, Navtex, CW and memory keyer, all in one box and easy to use!

But for 1995 MFJ makes the MFJ1278B even easier to use with two new options:

- Internal real-time clock
- To keep you on time all the time, and
- Scope tuning adaptor—which allows you to use an oscilloscope with the MFJ1278B to correctly and easily tune RTTY and other signals.

MFJ1278B

Multimode with Pactor

MFJ43 Real time clock

MFJ44 Scope tuning indicator

\$649

\$58

\$78

- ★ New **PACTOR** mode
- ★ 32k bytes enhanced packet mailbox expandable to 128k or 512k bytes.
- ★ Auto forward and reverse forwarding of mail.
- ★ Mailbox sysop paging and chat mode.
- ★ New **COLOUR SSTV** functions (with Multicom software)
- ★ Transmit and receive colour SSTV in Robot, Scotty and Martin formats
- ★ 16 gray levels for FAX and SSTV
- ★ Dramatically improved Automatic S gain analysis
- ★ 19,200 baud terminal data rate.
- ★ 1megabit EPROM for future expansion
- ★ 2400 and 9600bps modems available.

MFJ HF/VHF Packet Radio controllers



Thousands of these robust, basic TNCs are in use all around the world by individual amateurs as well as in digipeaters and bulletin board systems. You get the full TAPR TNC-2 with many MFJ exclusive enhancements which combine to give the MFJ1270C the reputation of being the most reliable TNCs in the world today.

Now the new MFJ1270C has built-in provision for memory expansion, EPROM expansion and terminal baud rates up to 19.2kbaud. The ON/OFF switch has been moved to the front panel and a monitor amplifier

has been added. HF DCD circuitry has also been added. Still this is the best value in town for packet only use!

Designed to operate from 12V DC (power supply not included) the MFJ TNCs have RS-232 and serial (for Commodore 64) interfaces as well as software to support BM-PCs, Apple MACs and Commodore C64 and 128.

MFJ1270C \$259
1200bps VHF/UHF

Packet plus PACTOR TNC



Now you can have all of the features of the MFJ1270C, the most reliable packet TNC in the world, plus PACTOR, precision tuning indicator for HF and an extra 32k of memory for your packet mailbox.

PACTOR is an exciting new HF mode which combines the best features of Packet and Amtor plus new innovations. It gives impressive weak signal performance, error correction, higher baud rates, data compression and full 8 bit data transmission.

The MFJ1276 has a precision 20 LED tuning indicator, plus all of the necessary features for both HF and VHF packet operation.

MFJ1276 \$349
Packet/Pactor TNC

MFJ Deluxe hybrid phone patch



MFJ624D

Deluxe hybrid phone-patch

\$225

CLOCKS

MFJ112 - World time clock

Not only shows you the time at any QTH throughout the world, it also gives you an attractive world map so you can see the place where your contact is! Displays hours, minutes, seconds, user selectable day-light saving time feature, push buttons allow you to move east or west and a fascinating map segment shows the time zone. Great gift idea!



MFJ112 DXers World Clock

\$62.50

MFJ105 24 hour wall clock

Powered by a single 'AA' size battery the MFJ105B is a true 24 hour wall clock with a 250mm diameter face - ideal as a station clock, it offers excellent readability across the room!

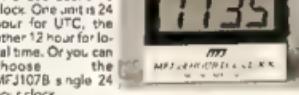
MFJ105B 250mm 24 hour clock

\$49.88

12/24 Hour clocks

Read both UTC and local time with the convenient MFJ108B dual time clock. One unit in 24 hour for UTC, the other 12 hour for local time. Or you can choose MFJ107B's single 24 hour clock.

Mounted in a brushed aluminum frame these clocks feature huge 16mm characters, long life battery included.



MFJ107B 24 hour LCD clock

\$24.88

MFJ108B Dual LCD clock

\$49.88

MFJ's Deluxe hybrid phone patch, the MFJ624D is designed to give you crisp, clear, hum free audio, and that is what phone patching is all about - it's pre-wired for Kenwood, ICOM, Yaesu and Alinco radios, or others using standard 3 pin microphone connectors.

You have the option of using either VOX or Push to Talk. Pi section RF filters and PC board construction help to eliminate RF feedback into the patch unit. You can use the MFJ624D with virtually any rig.

Built-in VU meter monitors phone line levels to prevent cross talk. Adjustable null depth permits the greatest possible isolation between transmitter and receiver, in fact there are separate gain controls for transmit and receive to allow the need to repeatedly make adjustments before and after using the patch. Phone line connections use standard "modular" phone jacks. Jacks provided for speaker, audio in and audio out. Uses 12V DC (power supply not included) or 9V transistor radio type battery.

This American made phone patch will give you more quality and more features than patches costing many times more.

This item is not approved for direct connection to Telecom Australia lines.

FAX, WEFAX, RTTY & CW with MFJ1214



With the NEW MFJ1214 you will be able to use your radio to receive and transmit brilliant, full colour news photographs, incredible WEFAX maps and RTTY. With easy to use menu driven software, comprehensive manuals and the now famous MFJ JumpStart guide you will be enjoying your radio even more than ever!

The MFJ1214 is a combination software and hardware package for specific computers. Presently, versions are available for the IBM-PC and compatibles and the Commodore AMIGA. It is hoped that versions for the Macintosh and other computers will be available soon. Everything you need is included; you don't need to buy any other software to get going and the only hardware you need is a connector to suit your radio.

Enjoy RTTY, including news broadcasts, ASCII,

WeFAX for weather maps and FAX for all sorts of news service photographs as well as amateur radio operators sending FAX messages to each other.

The MFJ1214 offers 16 levels of grey scale for really top quality FAX and WeFAX images. There is even a built-in timer function allowing you to begin automatic reception of weather maps, which can then be saved to disk automatically, printed on your printer or both if you wish.

VERSATILE ZOOM FEATURE allows the selection and enlargement of areas of the images for close inspection of detail.

- > 16 level grey scale
- > Full colour FAX photos, up to 32,000 colours
- > RTTY with on screen tuning indicator
- > RTTY text editor with t-in
- > Save text or images to disk or display them -- your choice!
- > CW regeneration for cleaner signals
- > CW keyboard mode for effortless CW sending
- > Software and cables included for a third IBM-PC or Amiga computers.

MFJ1214PC for IBM-PC

\$345

MFJ1214AM for Commodore Amiga

\$345

DC Multiple outlet Boxes



MFJ-1116 - Eight pairs of binding posts with switch, fuse and Ammeter. Every shack needs one!

MFJ1116 Deluxe DC outlets

\$112.00

MFJ1118 - Our biggest DC outlet unit. Handles a total of 35A. You can power two HF or VHF rigs through two pairs of 30A binding post terminals, each pair is individually fused. Five pairs of terminals, with a fuse and master switch, are provided for powering accessories, with a 15A maximum current capability.



MFJ1112 - Six pairs of binding posts for general purpose DC distribution. RF bypassing fitted to keep your DC lines clean.

MFJ1112 DC outlets

\$74.88

Supplied with 6 feet of 8 gauge cable with ring terminals attached.

MFJ1118 DC outlets

\$162

SPEAKER MICROPHONES



Compact Size

MFJ's speaker microphone lets you carry your hand held safely on your belt yet still monitor and talk with convenience. These microphones have quality electret inserts and wide range speakers giving superb audio quality. Each mike has an earphone jack on the microphone, an indicator LED for PTT and a swiveling lapel/pocket clip and MFJ's unconditional one year warranty in a package only 50 x 32 x 6.5mm.

Tiny size

MFJ's tiny-sized speaker microphones give you all the features in a tiny package. High quality electret inserts and wide range speakers give superb audio quality. Each mike has an earphone jack on the microphone, an indicator LED for PTT and a swiveling lapel/pocket clip and MFJ's unconditional one year warranty in a package only 50 x 32 x 6.5mm.

MFJ283 Alinco (split jacks)

\$62.50

MFJ284 Icom or Yaesu

\$62.50

MFJ286 Kenwood

\$62.50



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Audio Processing

Timewave DSP-9



✓ **Reduce noise & interference**

Adaptive noise filter for SSB & AM

✓ **Eliminate heterodynes**

Multiple automatic notch filters

✓ **Sharp Speech and CW filters**

Linear phase FIR (finite impulse response) filters, one set for SSB, another for CW... 1.8, 2.4, & 3.1 kHz Bandpass (SSB) 100, 200 Hz & 500 Hz Bandpass (CW)

Digital signal processing is the latest revolution to hit the amateur radio scene. Properly implemented digital signal processing has the ability to enhance the performance of VQLR stations. With the Timewave Technology third-generation DSP systems you get superior performance at remarkably low cost. CW filters as narrow as 100Hz that don't ring, amazingly effective heterodyne elimination and with the DSP-59+ a range of filter combinations that should cope with just about any situation, and a random noise reduction capability which really works.

DSP-9 DSP signal processor

\$339

Timewave DSP-9+



✓ **Reduce noise & interference**

Adaptive noise filter for SSB & AM

✓ **Eliminate heterodynes**

Multiple automatic notch filters

✓ **Sharp Speech and CW filters**

Linear phase FIR (finite impulse response) filters, one set for SSB, another for CW... 1.6, 2.0, & 2.4 kHz Bandpass (SSB) 100, 200 Hz & 500 Hz Bandpass (CW)

✓ **Programmable CW centre frequencies**

400, 500, 600 or 800Hz

✓ **HF Data filters**

For HF Packet, PACTOR, G-Tor, AMTOR and RTTY with programmable centre frequencies.

✓ **Switchable AGC**

The Timewave DSP-9+ adds HF digital mode filter options to the DSP-9 and incorporates switchable AGC and selectable centre frequency combinations not provided for in the DSP-9.

DSP-9+ DSP signal processor

\$449

Timewave DSP-59+



✓ **Reduce noise & interference**

Adaptive noise filter for SSB & AM

✓ **Eliminate heterodynes**

Multiple automatic notch filters

✓ **Sharp Speech and CW filters**

SSB, HPF 200Hz-1.6kHz LPF 1.7kHz-3.1kHz

✓ **Programmable CW centre frequencies**

Centre frequencies, 400Hz-1.0kHz

Bandwidths, 25-600Hz

✓ **HF Data filters**

For HF Packet, PACTOR, G-Tor, AMTOR and RTTY, SSTV & WEFAX with programmable centre frequency options.

✓ **Switchable AGC**

The Timewave DSP-59+ offers the most flexible array of filters in the range as well as a series of programmable options to suit just about any need.

Great for SWLs as well as the amateur who is really serious about working the weak signal DX stations.

DSP-59+ Advanced DSP signal processor **\$629**

MFJ784 DSP signal processor



Gain an unfair advantage during a contest by cloning your voice!



buttons and still have your voice after the contest. You can store four natural sounding messages in a total of 20 seconds. EEPROM technology keeps messages stored for up to 10 years — no backup battery needed.

You can also repeat a message continuously. It makes it sooo easy to call long CQs during poor band conditions. It's easy to use — just plug your 8 pin microphone cable into the MFJ-432 and plug its cable into your transceiver's 8 pin mic connector. Internal jumpers let you customize it to your rig.

Built-in speaker lets you monitor stored messages. Has jack for remote control operation. Uses 9 volt battery (not included) or external DC supply.

Operate most of a contest by pressing a few

buttons and still have your voice after the contest.

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MFJ432 Voice keyer

\$219

MFJ QRP CW Transceivers



MFJ9000 series QRP transceivers

\$399

- ✓ SW semi-break in CW transceiver
- ✓ Models for 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 metres
- ✓ High performance superhet receiver
- ✓ 8 pole crystal filter
- ✓ R.T. and vernier tuning
- ✓ Automatic Gain Control
- ✓ Built-in sidetone generator
- ✓ Optional built-in Curtis chip keyer
- ✓ Optional narrow audio filter

MFJ9420 30mtr SSB Transceiver

- ✓ 12W PEP output
- ✓ Simple operation: no microprocessors!
- ✓ RF speech processing
- ✓ 8 pole crystal filter
- ✓ Covers 14.150-14.350MHz
- ✓ Automatic Gain Control
- ✓ Dynamic microphone included
- ✓ Optional CW adaptor adds 'low end' of band coverage
- ✓ Range of accessories available



MFJ9420X 12W transceiver with mic

\$519

MFJ Short Wave receiver kit



Remember hunching over your regenerative receiver for hours with a pair of phones pressing uncomfortably against your ears? Did you ever wish you could derive some of that excitement?

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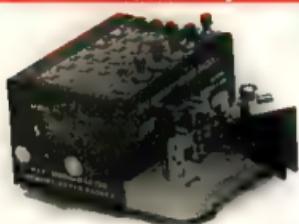
Keyers & code practice

MFJ's MORSE-MASTER® Menu driven memory keyers!



- MFJ's MORSE-MASTER® is so easy to use you may never read the manual! Its unique menu system allows you to control absolutely every feature of this amazing Memory Keyer. From the menus you can:
- Save and play messages
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 - Set speed, wpm & sidetone
 - Use iambic, semi-auto or handkey modes
 - Turn it on/off
 - Tune transmitter
 - Built in sidetone speaker with tone adjustable from 100-3000Hz
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 - Memory can be expanded to 8000 characters

Piggyback a MORSE MASTER onto a BENCHER iambic key



True, the best of all CW worlds — all of the features of the MFJ492 MORSE MASTER Keyer (with the exception of remote control) and memory expansion) in a compact configuration that mounts onto a Bencher iambic paddle. You can buy either the complete combination or just the keyer for your Bencher, whatever you like.

You get all the features of the MFJ-492 including message memories, Morse trainer, sidetone, automatic serial numbering and much, much more! Use 9V battery (not included) or 12-15V DC power supply.

MFJ490 Kayer and Key

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MFJ490X Kayer only for Bencher

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Deluxe Code Practice Oscillator



The MFJ557 Deluxe code practice set features a straight Morse key on a heavy non-skid steel base. The MFJ557 lets you practice code wherever you are, and is powered by a 9V battery (not included) or an external DC source. It's easy to use wherever you go.

A volume control is provided to permit adjustment to a comfortable listening level. A tone control permits you to adjust the frequency and for privacy you can plug in an ear-piece, or for classroom situations you can plug in an extension speaker.

Measures 216 x 57 x 95mm. Finish is all black.

MFJ557 Code practice oscillator set

\$84.10

Smooth speed control is possible from 5 to 100 WPM using the AnalogSet mode where the paddle is used to vary the speed.

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Built-in editing system allows corrections without re-entering the entire message. You can chain messages together or send them separately. You can even interrupt a message whilst it is being sent and then resume the message!

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POWERFUL MORSE TRAINER

With both Farnsworth and normal timing the MFJ MORSE-MASTER lets you use the common 5 character group method as well as random 1 to 8 character groups for code practice and training. You can even create a practice session in memory then play it back later — truly amazing! Uses 9V battery (not supplied) or external 12V DC supply.

MFJ492 MORSE MASTER Keyer **\$225**

Deluxe Electronic Keyer



The MFJ407C Deluxe Electronic Keyer can be used with a straight key, a single lever or dual lever paddle with type A or B iambic keying for sending high quality Morse code. Full iambic keying with a dual lever paddle, dot-dash insertion, semi-automatic dots and manual dashes, dot-dash memory, self-completing dots and dashes, jam proof spacing and instant start keying.

Speed, weight, tone and volume controls are all on the front panel as well as ON/OFF, tune and semi-auto/semi-auto switches. The weight control will provide negative as well as positive weighting.

The MFJ407C has a built-in speaker and uses a 9V battery (not included) or an external DC source, enclosed in a black aluminum cabinet measuring 178 x 51 x 150mm.

MFJ407C Deluxe electronic keyer

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The SUPER MORSE-MASTER is possibly the most sophisticated memory keyer ever devised!

With the MFJ493 you get all of the features of the MFJ492 MORSE-MASTER but with a host of add-on features:

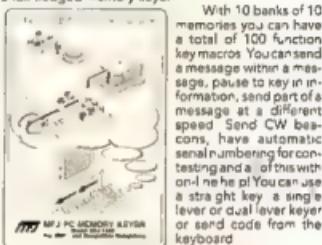
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- Can use standard AT type keyboard for sending
- Built-in serial port for automatic control & loading memories from computer. Can edit display and save messages remotely
- As you key CW, ASCII is sent to serial port for monitoring or recording transmissions
- Adds QSO simulator to MFJ492 training features

Uses 12-15V DC supply, not included. Works with standard 101 key keyboard.

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PC Memory keyer

Let this amazing hardware and software package for your IBM-PC or compatiblre turn your computer into a full fledged memory keyer!



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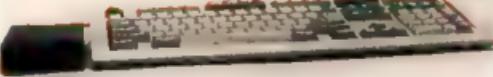
MFJ1268 PC Memory keyer

\$95.00

MFJ Stand alone MORSE KEYBOARDS

MFJ451

Morse Code Keyboard



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The MFJ451 stand-alone keyboard has a 200 character type-ahead buffer and two 100 character message memories. With all functions controlled from the keyboard sending Morse Code has never been easier, or more fun!

Super CW Keyboard



32K memory CW keyboard



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The MFJ452 "Super CW Keyboard" has all of the features of the MFJ451 with the addition of a two line LCD display, you see what is being sent on one line while you see what you are typing on the other, and a total of eight 2500 character memories.

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MFJ452 Morse keyboard with display

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In the MFJ498 you not only get all of the features of the world's most powerful Morse code keyboard but you have 32K of lithium battery backed-up memory and a complete code training system, all in one box!

Like all of the MFJ Morse keyboards you can plug in an iambic key and use the unit as a complete high-performance keyer!

MFJ498 32K Morse keyboard & display **\$399**

Morse keys and keyers

Solid Brass Morse Key



The Kent Morse Key Kit is engineered to the highest specifications from solid brass. Uses solid silver contacts & sealed ball race bearings, ensuring totally free pivot movement with minimum friction and eliminating side play. Precision contact and spring adjustment with fine pitch threaded screws with instrument knurled heads.

MM004 \$151.25
Morse Key kit

Bencher Iambic Keyer



MM001 Black \$151.25
MM002 Chrome \$187.55

With adjustable contact spacing, precise tensioning adjustments and plated copper contacts the BENCHER keyers are truly precision instruments designed to last you a lifetime. A choice of base finishes is available with the key mechanism made from chrome plated brass. Bencher keyers work as well as they look and give you a truly "smooth as silk" keyer, whatever your needs.

Vibroplex Original



The Vibroplex Original is little changed today from the original design of 1890. Considered by many to be the greatest "sem-automatic" keyer ever made.

MM011P Gold base \$420

MM011D Chrome \$285

MM011S Grey wrinkle \$260

Electronic Keyer II



The MFJ401B Econo-Keyer II uses the world famous Curtis 8044ABM integrated circuit. It lets you send iambic, automatic, semi-automatic or manual with your dual lever, single lever paddle or straight key. Front panel speed control covers 8 to 50 WPM and the volume control adjusts to give a comfortable listening level. Internal controls are provided for weight, dot-dash spacing and tone. Uses 9V battery (not included), measures 102 x 51 x 89mm.

MFJ401B Keyer \$106.90

Kent Iambic Paddle



The twin paddle (iambic) Morse key kit can be used with the KENT NTI keyer, MFJ Morse keyers, the MFJ278 multi-mode controller and internal keyers such as those available for ICOM or Kenwood transceivers.

MM005 \$181.50
Morse Key kit

Bencher single lever key



MM003 Black \$151.25
MM003A Chrome \$187.55

The Bencher single lever key is driven by the key itself so you don't need a host of controls. Try it, it is amazingly effective! Can be used with any iambic keyer unit, such as the Bencher, Vibroplex and MFJ units seen on these pages.

MM008 Keyer \$248.40

Kent Single Paddle Key



The KENT single paddle key is designed to allow each individual operator total flexibility in setting and adjustment, achieved by the unique springing arrangement which allows separate right and left spring tension adjustment with finger tip control.

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Logikey CMOS keyer & Remote Controller



The KENT Electron c Morse Keyer Kit uses CMOS logic to generate Morse at speeds from 5 to 40 words per minute at the standard dot-dash ratio of 1:3. The kit is supplied with the circuit board pre-assembled and tested. You only supply a bit of labour to complete the assembly.

MM007 \$156
Keyer kit



The LogiKey keyer can be fitted with an optional remote control unit which can be mounted to the Bencher iambic Keys. Take the controls of the keyer direct to the key, right where you want to use them. The remote control is shown here attached to an MM001 key. (Key not included in price).

MM008A Remote control \$84

Vibroplex Brass Racer



Available in two versions, one with an internal electronic keyer, the Brass Racer is the latest in the Vibroplex line. Using magnets for tensioning, this delightful little key is just the thing for mobile, DXpedition or portable jobs, just the thing when space is at a premium.

MM014 with keyer \$320

MM015 key only \$130

Custom keyer for Bencher Iambic Paddles



Combine all of the features of the MFJ keyer with the Curtis 8044ABM IC and put it in a package that mounts directly onto the Bencher iambic keyers and you have the MFJ422B! Power it with an internal 9V battery or from an

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MFJ422BX Keyer \$160
MFJ422B Keyer & key \$292

MFJ Iambic Paddle



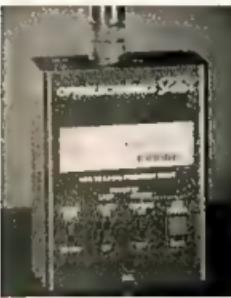
MFJ Deluxe iambic paddles feature a full range of adjustments in tension and contact spacing, self-adjusting nylon and steel needle bearings, contact points which almost never need cleaning, precision machined frame and non-slip feet on a heavy chrome base. Can be used with the MFJ422BX keyer and the MFJ490X MorseMaster keyer. Chrome plated base and metal parts.

MFJ564 Iambic paddle \$110

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- Interfaces to PC for datalogging.

25 Frequency Scout

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Decode tone information

The DC440 decodes CTCSS, DTMF & DCS signals' output from receiver. Can be computer interfaced for logging purposes.



DC440 Tone decoder

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Optoelectronics presents a totally new instrumentation concept, the Model R10 FM Communications Interceptor. Developed for two-way communications testing, it has significant impact in security, counter-surveillance and recreational communications monitoring applications.

The Interceptor™ measures deviation (wide and narrow-band), receive signal strength, signaling tones (CTCSS, DCS, and DTMF) using the companion DC440 Decoder. The R10 can be used for any measurement requiring demodulated FM. The R10's ideal for testing VHF, UHF and Cellular transmitters and can be a low cost highly portable substitute for a service monitor in some applications.

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The Interceptor™ responds to any strong signal present, utilizing a sensitive radio receiver or transmitter. Conventional receivers are stabilized and tuned to a particular frequency by an external oscillator. The Interceptor™ is stabilized by the signal it is receiving. The advantage of this process is that the Interceptor™ does not have to be tuned to a frequency in order to receive a signal. Any FM signal from 30MHz to over 2GHz can be intercepted without gaps in coverage. The Interceptor™ is completely automatic for hands free operation.

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This great sensitivity to Near Field signals makes the Interceptor™ ideal for RF security

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The world's most highly advanced hand-held counter. Covers to 3GHz with frequency and multi-function features, Period, Ratio and Time Interval, all in the palm of your hand.



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- Dual 500/1MHz inputs.
- Exclusive Optoelectronics digital filter and capture technology.
- 10 digit LCD display
- 1x10⁻⁴yr time base
- Optional TCXO available
- Interfaces to PC for datalogging.

3000A HandiCounter

\$719

Collecting data with a frequency counter



Please call for details of optional interfaces and software!

Communication, Test & Surveillance Equipment

HandiCounter M1

The M1 counter has the same 10Hz-2.8GHz range as the 3000A but no universal counter functions. Digital filter and capture still available as well as digital communications port.



- 10Hz-3GHz, 0.1Hz resolution
- 250MHz direct counting
- 500/1MHz input.
- Exclusive Optoelectronics digital filter and capture technology.
- Sensitive inputs for ease of use
- 10 digit LCD display with electroluminescent backlighting
- Low power, 4 to 5 hours battery life
- Interfaces to PC for datalogging.

M1 HandiCounter

\$512

Mini HandiCounter 3300

The smallest member to the family still offers 1MHz-2.8GHz performance, 10 digit LCD display and long battery life in a package almost too small to believe.



- 1MHz-2.8GHz, 0.1Hz resolution
- 250MHz direct counting
- 500 input.
- Sensitive inputs for ease of use
- 10 digit LCD display
- Low power, 4 to 5 hours battery life
- Easily replaced battery pack
- Maximized sensitivity for picking up transmitters at greatest distance
- Very compact, true pocket size

3300 MiniCounter

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8040 Multi-Function bench/portable counter

A 10 digit electroluminescent backlit LCD display, 3GHz performance and all the features of a universal counter make the 8040 a winner for general purpose bench, laboratory or field use.



This counter is 'big brother' to the 3000A and has additional signal conditioning and options for higher stability time bases. Both 50Q and 1MΩ inputs are provided for both inputs and each has a separate trigger level control.

8040 Multifunction bench/portable counter

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SSB220A SSB counter

The truly unique SSB220A can measure the actual output frequency of an SSB transmitter. Also useful for general purpose applications to 3GHz.



**R20 Interceptor
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**SSB220A 3GHz SSB counter
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By feeding a known audio signal to the transverter you can easily determine which sideband and what frequency is being transmitted. The SSB220A uses the latest direct digital synthesis and digital signal processing technology.

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Every so often, a book comes along which becomes an instant classic. It's no exaggeration to describe the 1995 edition of the ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs as that very book.

For this edition, the ARRL consulted the best and most knowledgeable writers on subjects ranging from analogue electronic theory to transceivers, repeaters to DSP circuit construction to interference, transmission lines to antennas and propagation. If it's amateur radio, it's in the 1995 Handbook.

It would be impossible to list all the features that make this revised book the one reference all amateurs around the world will find indispensable. A few highlights will provide an idea of the scope of the 1995 Handbook:

- In the Modes chapter, you'll find an overview of the many ways amateurs communicate, from the on/off keying of Morse Code to the complex but

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- Whether you're an experienced builder or a neophyte, you'll find the Circuit Construction chapter useful as it takes you from schematic to finished project.
- The ARRL Sources chapter explains, clearly and concisely, modern oscillator and synthesizer design.

- Mathematics for Amateur Radio provides a refresher course in the math concepts which form the basis of amateur radio and electronics.

- The Station Setup and Accessories chapter shows how to set up or enhance your station for top performance; among other projects, includes a boom/rotator system and a dipole antenna.

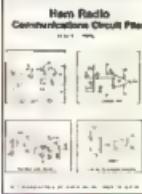
- In the Transceivers chapter, you'll learn about the systems and design which go into modern radio equipment. Projects include a beginner's shortwave receiver, QRP transceivers and a 5W solid state linear amplifier.

- The References chapter brings together, into one place, the tables and charts amateurs need and use most often.

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All the information you want—in one place—at your fingertips. The hunt's over.

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RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE
How to Find It and Fix It



INTERFERENCE HANDBOOK

By William R Nelson, WA6FOG, and edited by Bill Orr, W6SAL. WA6FOG is a former RFI investigator for Southern California Edison Company. This 250-page book is written from an RFI investigator's perspective and is a diary of his experiences in solving interference problems. His experiences run the gamut from the common (airing thermostats) to the bizarre (loose metal sheathing in a temporary building next to a 2500-W transmission line). Besides all sorts of power line interference causes and solutions, this book covers electrostatic discharge (rain or snow static), grounds and grounding, vehicle noise suppression, RFI from non-linear devices how the power company locates RFI, how to RF your transmitter, how some receivers suffer from self-inflicted RFI, and solutions to RFI in various electronic devices.

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RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE

How to Find It and Fix It

What is it? • Black bars that flash across a TV picture in a curious, rhythmic pattern • A garage door opener which opens or closes the door by itself • A raucous buzz which drowns out AM stations • Car engine stumble or hesitation near radio towers • A touch-controlled lamp with a mind of its own. These strange behaviours [and countless others] may be effects of electromagnetic interference.

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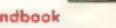
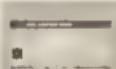
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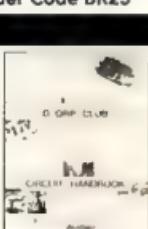
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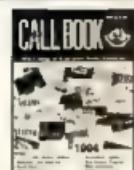
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kHz, the frequencies of all flights, ships and sea, international and commercial frequencies, frequencies of radio transmission in the utility field, whether by voice, CW or radioteletype and, in addition, this year the CFLA also contains new and valuable information about the speed and shift of RTTY stations, as well as the many possible modes that may be utilized from ASCII through ARC-E3 to FAX. All details have been triple-checked for accuracy up to the moment that the manuscript was submitted to the printer!

Order Code BR387

\$40.00



HISTORY...

SHORT WAVE RECEIVERS PAST AND PRESENT

Written by Fred Osterman, this book contains vital information on over 200 shortwave receivers made over the last 25 years. Includes manufacturer and model, circuit type, year manufactured, size, weight and voltage features, value when new, value used, modes received and accessories. Most receivers are shown with photos. This book, a great guide to the used receiver market, provides the radio hobbyist with some information on the value, features, and performance of current and former short wave radios. Prices shown are for the US market but are a good guide for use in Australia a 216mm x 129 184 pages.

Order code BR253 C1991 1st ed. \$22.00

THE GOLDEN CLASSICS OF YESTERYEAR

Remember the 666 rigs, the Heathkit DK100 or Collins fabulous RVM-17? The great Scott, Hallicrafters, EMI, Marconi and National HROCs. Electronics, ETC, during WWII? Rig lists by W. G. Smith, McFetridge, Drury, Keay?

All these famous names plus many more you'll recognize are in Golden Classics of Yesterday. It's all amateur radio in content and jam-packed with reprints of tales, transmitters, receivers, favourite circuits, telegraph keys, bugs and other amateur topics. There's also EASY TO-BUILD weekend projects, transmitters, receivers and many other projects from the 1920s, 30s, 40s and 50s. 229mm x 216 60 memorable pages.

Order code MFJ30 C1988 MFJ \$21.50



THE BRIGHT SPARKS OF RADIO

This new book by G.R. Jessep, G4JP, was published by the RSGB in 1990. It covers the heritage of radio from Marconi to the 'secret listeners' of 1939-45. High quality, hard bound with many photographs and diagrams.

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FIFTY YEARS OF ARRL

In May 1914 a small band of radio amateurs read by the late Harry Percy Maxim W1AW and Clarence Tusa started a national organization and named it the American Radio Relay League. Since that time, the story of amateur radio has been closely identified with the history of the league, the chronicle of amateurs working together. In 1946, the Golden Anniversary of the league, its magazine QST covered this tale in serial form. This material is now gathered here as a historical reference, supplementing but not replacing the only other comprehensive history *Two Hundred Miles and Down* by Clinton B DeSoto. 150 Pages 6" x 9"

Order code BR196

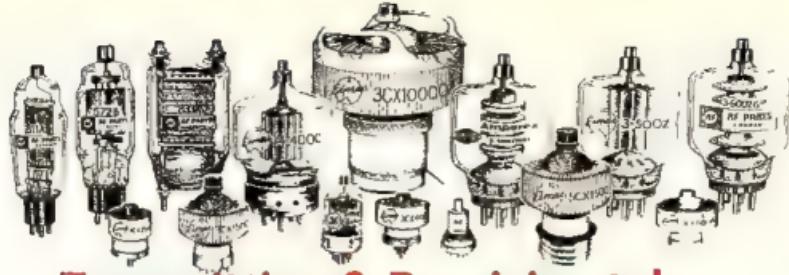
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200 METERS AND DOWN

THE STORY OF AMATEUR RADIO by Clinton B DeSoto was first published in 1936 by the ARRL. At that time Mr DeSoto, then a radio amateur and a student of ours, started to do what no one had ever done for amateur radio - to write its full history for the benefit of generations to come. This volume has been reprinted exactly as it was in 1936 and is an invaluable source of amateur history. 4" x 9" 184 pages.

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Transmitting & Receiving tubes

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5R4G	Soviet	6EA8	\$20.85		Matched Pr	\$87.80	
5R4GB		6EB8 / 6GN8	\$22.35	812A	PENTA	\$68.65	
5U4G	Soviet	6EJ7 / EF184	\$19.65		Matched Pair	\$155.00	
5U4GB / 5AS4A		6ES8 / ECC189	\$18.34	813		\$35.00	
5Y3GT		6EW6	\$15.32	833A	PENTA	\$215.00	
6AG7		6FQ7 / 5CG7	\$20.96	833C	PENTA (graphite)	\$248.25	
6AL5 / EB91		6GH8A	\$31.31	5763	GE/RCA/SYL	\$52.27	
6AM8A		6GJ5	\$20.44	5894	PENTA	\$117.40	
6AN4		6GK6	\$31.28	6146B	GE	\$77.00	
6ANBA		6GM5	\$35.85	6146B	National/Penta	\$47.85	
6AO5		6GTS	\$49.35	6550A	GE	\$87.00	
6AQ5A / 6HG5		6GW6 / 6DQ6	\$29.87	7199	PHILIPS	\$50.09	
6AC8		6GW8 / ECL86	\$26.85	7289 / 2C39BA	Siemens	\$65.00	
6AC8B / ECC85		6GX6 / 6GY6	\$15.32	7556	ECG	\$46.95	
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6AT6		6HF5	Select Pair	\$POA	ECG/GE	\$49.65	
6AU4		6HF8		8417	EIMAC	\$941.69	
6AU6		6HFS		\$POA	EIMAC	\$1047.88	
6AU6A		6HS6		8875	PENTA	\$1518.29	
6AV6		6JH8	GE	8908	GE	\$65.37	
6AW8A		6JS6C	GE	8950	GE	\$54.36	
6AX4GTB		6JS6C	Selected Pr	8981	GE	\$65.37	
6AX5GT		6L6GB / GC		3-500Z	RFP Premium	\$237.00	
6AX5GTB		6L6GT			Matched Pair	\$499.00	
6AZ8		6LB6 Sel Pr	ECG (Galaxy)	\$POA	EIMAC	\$372.00	
6BA6		6LX6		\$44.41	Matched pair	\$797.00	
6BE6		6LX8		\$15.32	Graphite anode	\$275.00	
6BK7		6N8		\$30.65	Matched pair	\$574.00	
6BL8 / ECF80		6S2A		\$18.73	EIMAC	\$229.25	
6BM8		6S4A		\$18.73	EIMAC	\$419.70	
6BN5		6SK7GT		\$37.47	3CX100A5 / 7289	EIMAC / GE / RCAs175.78	
6BN8		6SL7GT		\$20.85	3CX400A7 / 8874	EIMAC	\$941.89
6BQ5		6SN7GTB		\$17.85	3CX800A7	EIMAC	\$890.67
6BQ6		6U8A / 6KD8		\$20.85	3CX1200A7	EIMAC	\$1395.02
6BQ7A		6U9		\$9.60	3CX1500A / 8877	PENTA	\$1518.29
6BY5		6V6GT		\$19.00	EIMAC	\$1754.10	
6BZ6		6X4		\$19.07	3CX3000A7	EIMAC	\$1886.27
6C4		6X5GT		\$17.13	4CX250B / 7203	EIMAC	\$269.00
6CA7 / EL34		6X8A		\$20.43	4CX250B / 7203	RFP Czech	\$229.00
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6CD6		12AL5		\$15.32	4CX350A	EIMAC	\$522.69
6CD7 / EM34		12AQ5		\$15.32	4CX1000A7	PENTA	\$1021.67
6CG8A		12AT7A		\$15.32	4CX1500B / 8860	PENTA	\$1296.90
6CL6		12AU6		\$15.32	KT88	PENTA	\$36.00
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6CM7		12AX7A					
6CQ8 / 6UBA		12BA6					
6CS6		12BY7A					
6CS7		12BZ6					
6CW4		12BZ7					
6CW5 / EL86		12DQ8B / 12GW8					
6CW7		12DQ8B					
6CX8		12JB6					
6DJ8		572B / T160L	RFP Premium				
6DQ6 / 5GW8			Matched pair				
6DR7			Matched quad				
6DS4			Ceramic Base				
			\$11.00				
			Cetron				
			\$235.26				

TRANSMITTING TUBES

Eimac and Penta Transmitting, Thyratron, and Magnetron Tubes carry manufacturers' limited warranty against defective material and workmanship for 12 months. Defective tubes must be returned prepaid accompanied by original purchase receipt and failure report details. Surplus tubes have a 90 day limit warranty.

TUBE BRANDS

The brands shown in this list are those that were available at the time of printing. While every effort will be made to supply the brands listed, if you have a requirement that only ONE brand is acceptable then please note this condition on your order, otherwise we will assume that substitutes are acceptable.

R.F. Power transistors & hybrids

VHF/UHF 27-1000MHz

HF (2-30MHz)

RF Power modules

Type Po Freq Gen W Range dB Package per Type

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Part Number

Freq Range

P In mW

Po In W

BIAS Class

Price Inc tax

SPECIAL HIGH OUTPUT 2-30MHz 12V types

SRF2072 85 211-07 \$33.28

SRF3662 120 211-11 \$73.81

SRF375 75 211-07 \$35.70

SD1405 75 211-11 \$56.50

SD1407* 100 211-11 \$105.00

2SC2290 80 211-11 \$36.73

2SC2879 120 211-11 \$43.95

2SC2509 15 212-00 \$36.73

2SC2097 85 316-01 \$83.37

All TRANSISTORS NPN, 12V unless noted

(* -28V ** -50V)

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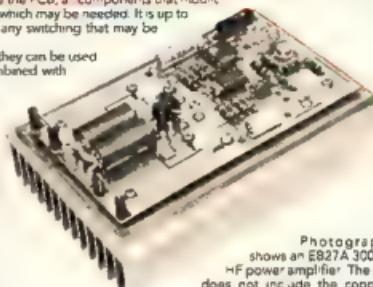
Motorola app note POWER AMPLIFIERS - short form kits

These HF power amp kit kits offer a wide range of amplifiers in short form kits. All of these kits include the PCB, all components that mount on the PCB, the active devices and any necessary unusual wire such as high temperature enamel or Teflon which may be needed. It is up to the builder to provide heat spreading, heat sinking, forced air cooling, connectors, output filtering and any switching that may be necessary.

All of these amplifiers are linear units with any necessary bias stabilization provided on the PCB, thus they can be used in any desired mode including CW, SSB or FM. When used well below their maximum ratings and combined with appropriate filtering they are eminently suited to testing applications.

Applications for these kits include amateur, commercial or instrumentation HF amplifiers, FM broadcast, HF power amplifiers and drivers and amateur or commercial VHF amplifier systems.

Application Note	Frequency Range	Power In	Power Out	DC Supply	Devices used	Price Inc tax
AN779L	1.6-30	+6 dbm	20W	12.5V@5A	2 x MRF475 2 x MRF476	\$201.00
AN779H	1.6-30	+10 dbm	20W	12.5V@5A	MHW591 2xMRF433	\$224.00
EB63	2-30	1.5W	140W	13.6V@22A	2xMRF454	\$213.00
AN762	1.6-30	1.5W	140W	13.6V@30A	2xMRF454	\$224.00
EB27A	2-30	18-20W	300W	28V@20A	2xMRF422	\$334.00
AN758	2-30	15-16W	300W	50V@14A	2xMRF429	\$391.00
EB104	2-30	6W	600W	12-28V @15-20A	2xMRF150	\$1,064.00
AR313	10-150	15W	300W	12-28V @22A typ	MRF141G	\$920.00
AR305	10-175	15W	300W	40-50V @12-15A	MRF151G	\$920.00



Photograph shows an EB27A 300W HF power amplifier. The kit does not include the copper heat spreader plate or the heatsink.

All other components, including prewound and assembled transformers are not included in all of the kits.

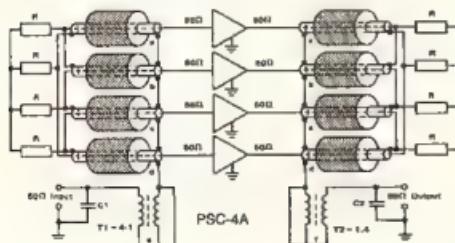
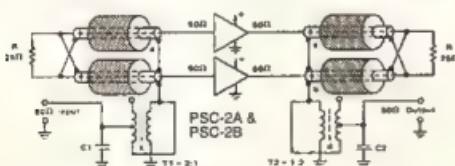
Individual components and selections of parts are available for all models, please enquire for details. All of these kits are strictly in accordance with the original Motorola application notes with additional details and assembly notes included where necessary. Only top quality components and materials are used in assembling these kits!

High Power splitter / combiners

In the mid-1970's Motorola released an application note, AN-749, by Hege Granberg with details of the design of hybrid power splitters and combiners for HF use. These three types are produced to Granberg's original designs and have been successfully used in many applications over the years.

Careful construction using uncommon materials is necessary to ensure the best possible performance from combiners such as these, for this reason all types are supplied complete assembled and tested. Whilst provision is made for power dissipating resistors they are not fitted. See Motorola RF Devices data book, Vol 2, pp 7-98 — 7-106 for more details.

Type Number	Application Notes	Power Rating	Price Inc tax
PSC-2A		600W PEP	\$168.00
PSC-2B	Motorola AN749	1000W PEP	\$192.00
PSC-4A	AN758	1200W PEP	\$216.00



Transmitting Capacitors

High quality capacitors for linear amplifiers are hard to find, but now you can use these top quality MFJ capacitors in your own projects at reasonable prices.

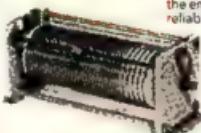


Stock Number Value pF Depth Power Rating Used in Inc tax

CH48	300 pF	45 mm	300 W	MF-901	\$24.30
CH49	248 pF	287 mm	3 kW	MF-909	\$79.20
CH50	250 pF	280 mm	3 kW	MF-908	\$66.00
CH51	250 pF	165 mm	1.5 kW	MF-952	\$68.00

High Power roller inductors

These high performance roller inductors are the same as those used in the MFJ antenna tuners across the entire HF spectrum. They are extremely robust and reliable units for any home-brew application.



Stock Number	Power Rating	Used with	Used in	Price Inc tax
CO227	3 kW	CH48	MFJ-909C	\$128.40
CO228	3 kW	CH50	MFJ-908	\$146.70

Broadband ferrite transformers



Stock Number	Core Length	Price Inc tax
TC43	8mm	\$7.20
TC44	13mm	\$7.80
TC45	19mm	\$9.00
TC46	25mm	\$9.00
TC47	32mm	\$10.20

High Power splitter / combiners



Stock Number	Type	Core (mm)	Power PEP	Price Inc tax
TC48	Input	6x13	70W	\$7.20
TC49	Input/Output	13x13	300W	\$9.00
TC50	Output	6x29	1500W	\$10.80
TC51	Output	13x29	2500W	\$11.80

Coax connectors and cable...

BNC clamp style cable male



PC34 \$3.60

Standard clamp connector for RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC35 \$3.60

Standard clamp connector for RG59 style 75Ω cable

PC36 \$6.78

Square cut (easy assembly) cable plug for RG58 50Ω

PC37 \$6.78

Square cut easy assembly

cable plug for RG59 75Ω

PC38 \$26.11

Standard clamp plug for RG178 submini 50Ω cable

PC158 \$8.28

Standard clamp plug for RG174 submini 50Ω cable

BNC clamp type for large cables



PC171 \$6.35

Clamp cable male for RG213

and similar 50Ω cable

BNC Crimp type cable male



PC39 \$5.94

Crimp plug for RG174/178 submini 50Ω cable

PC40 \$3.18

Crimp plug for RG58 style 50Ω

cable

PC42 \$2.76

Crimp plug for RG59 & RG62

cable with captive contact

PC156 \$3.90

Crimp plug for RG174 submini

50Ω cable

BNC bulkhead mount male



PC129 \$9.36

Single hole mount male

BNC flange mount male



PC136 \$6.60

Single flange male

BNC clamp type cable female



PC28 \$4.45

Standard clamp cable female

for RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC29 \$5.98

Standard clamp cable female

for RG59 75Ω style cable

BNC crimp type cable female



PC99

Free cable female for RG58

style 50Ω cable

BNC bulkhead clamp female



PC30 \$5.78

Camp type bulkhead female

for RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC31 \$5.35

Camp type bulkhead female

for RG59 style 75Ω cable

BNC bulkhead crimp female



PC33 \$5.62

Crimp type bulkhead female

for RG58 & RG62 type cables

PC170 \$5.66

Crimp type bulkhead female

for RG59 style 50Ω cables

BNC bulkhead mount female



PC24 \$2.28

Bulkhead mount female for

thin panels

PC25 \$5.46

Bulkhead mount female for

thick panels

BNC flange mount female



PC32 \$3.80

Standard flange mount female

BNC in-series adaptors



PC44 \$3.02

Female-female adaptor



PC106 \$5.62

Female-female bulkhead

mount adaptor

PC107 \$6.54

Female-female bulkhead

mount adaptor insulated

PC43 Male-male adaptor



PC45 \$8.76

BNC F-M-F face adaptor

TNC cable male connectors



PC151 \$2.81

Standard clamp male for

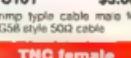
RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC161 \$3.66

Crimp type cable male for

RG58 style 50Ω cable

TNC female connectors



PC56 \$6.48

Standard single hole female

PC52 \$26.92

Single hole mount for 4in

flange same size as BNC con-

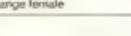
PC175 Bulkhead female



PC176 \$3.32

Bulkhead female

PC176 Flange female



PC176 \$5.65

Flange female

Type N clamp type cable male



PC54 \$6.50

Clamp type cable male for

RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC53 \$8.50

Clamp type cable male for

RG213 style 50Ω cable

Type N clamp type cable male



PC188 \$15.00

Clamp type cable male for

100FB and 9913 style 50Ω

cable

PC137 \$5.16

Crimp type cable male for

RG58 style 50Ω cable

PC152 \$14.22

Crimp type cable male for

RG213 style 50Ω cable

PC169 \$10.20

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Clamp type cable female for

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PC169 \$10.2

Why not a Ten-Tec?

TEN-TEC



The SCOUT from Ten-Tec gives you full QSK CW operation, superb quality SSB and all the features you need in a compact single band transceiver. BUT you only need to change a small band module to add other bands, pull one out, plug another in, it's that simple. All amateur bands are available from stock for the SCOUT.

SIMPLICITY: For either CW or SSB you just sit down and operate! Master your new radio in only minutes — every feature is right on the front panel making this radio so easy to use; it will absolutely amaze you!

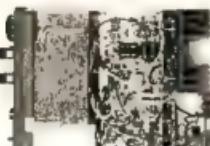
SIZE: At half the size of other small transceivers and with much lower power consumption the SCOUT makes mobile and portable operation supremely simple! It's 64W x 184W x 248D size and 2.4kg weight tell the story.

SELECTIVITY: The revolutionary, patented "Jones" filter results in a variable bandwidth 8 pole crystal filter from 500Hz to 2.5kHz at the turn of a knob. No CW filters or options. SSB filters, they are all in the box already!

SMART: Add to all of this a state-of-the-art RISC processor which provides synthesized performance with continuous tuning and crystal stability with the exclusive FLS frequency locking system. It also provides built-in 5.50wpm lambe keying and an easy to read digital display.

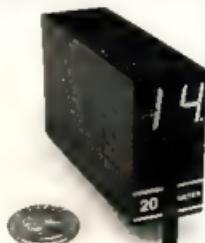
POWERFUL: The 50 watt output power of the SCOUT is enough to work the world but saves on battery power. Less than 10A required for full output, <4.5A for SWR output and on receive it only needs 600mA.

The SCOUT is just like every other product in the Ten-Tec range. Painstakingly designed and carefully built to an extremely high standard with the highest quality components in the USA. In these photographs you can see that the SCOUT might be small but is built to last through many years of tough service.



Part of the success of the SCOUT is the simple band module, shown here with an American quarter (a bit larger than a 10 cent piece) this module removes a lot of the expense and complication of band switching from the radio, simply pull one out and plug in another!

Add to all of the great features from Ten-Tec is the support you will get from DAYCOM, we have full facilities for warranty and non-warranty service of Ten-Tec radios, amplifiers and accessories. All Ten-Tec accessories for the SCOUT are carried in stock.



TT-555

SCOUT 555 with one band module of your choice

\$1199

Band modules for SCOUT

160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 or 10metres, each
TT-607 Single paddle key for SCOUT or OMNI-VI
TT 700C Electret hand mike for SCOUT or OMNI-VI
TT-705 Desk mike, coiled cord for SCOUT or OMNI-VI

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\$93
\$87
\$192



Arguably the best transceiver ever built for strictly amateur band use — the TEN-TEC OMNI-VI is the culmination of two decades of high performance transceiver engineering. Designed to meet the needs of the serious DX'er and contesteer this crystal mixing scheme used in the OMNI-VI virtually eliminates phase noise as a factor in receiver performance.

SELECTIVITY is one area where the OMNI-VI excels, with up to 24 poles of cascaded filtering and Passband Tuning, adjustable noise blanker, DSP low pass audio filters and DSP notch filters as well as a manual notch filter, the OMNI-VI has a formidable arsenal of interference reduction capability.

Super high performance microprocessor control gives lightning fast QSK for CW, ANTOR & PACTOR, adjustable slow QSK decay, Dual VFO's, ±10kHz RTT and XIT, clock, ambe keyer, 100 memories and scratch pad with four flexible memory use options as well as flexible frequency entry options, band stacking registers and all of the features you need for serious HF operation.

All TEN-TEC equipment is made in the USA from top quality components and carries a full 12 month warranty. Call for brochure giving complete details or call-in for a try-out today!

TT-563

OMNI VI Amateur band only transceiver

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Book Review

The ARRL Antenna Book

(17th Edition)

Edited by R Dean Straw

Published by ARRL 1994

ISBN: 0-87259-473-4

Paperback 736 pages, 277 mm by 208 mm, plus a 1.44 MB disk.

Reviewed by Evan Jarman VK3ANH

This is a new edition of the ARRL antenna handbook, one of the most read books in amateur literature. You know, from previous editions, what to expect before opening it. This is one of the benchmark publications of any amateur's library. The only question to ask is, how do you improve a good book?

Antenna theory and practice is common to all facets of amateur radio. It is the area where improvements can be made to a station by a "home brewer", without specialised equipment. Also, the changes can be dramatic, with less effort than in other areas. It is the area of greatest interest to amateurs. It is also the most diverse. An ideal area for a reference book.

This edition concentrates on the practice of antenna construction starting from the basis of antenna type. There are fifteen chapters, each concentrating on a particular antenna type. They are Loop, Limited space, Multiband, Multi-element, Broadband, Log periodic, HF Yagi, Quad, Long wire and Travelling wave, Direction finding, Portable, Mobile and Maritime, Repeater systems, and VHF/UHF and Space communications. These are broad topics ensuring that every commonly, and most uncommonly, used antenna is described. Each is dealt with in a pragmatic style. Mathematics is kept to a minimum to make it easier to read. Areas such as log periodic arrays require knowledge of what a logarithm is and they do use the occasional inverse trig function. Where used, complex numbers (eg impedance) are resolved into real (eg resistance) and imaginary (eg reactance) components. These are handled separately to simplify understanding.

The new edition contains changes in most chapters. One, the chapter on HF Yagis, has been completely re-written. The section on performance optimisation is very good. It starts with the design goals, then examines the effect of changing dimensions, and concludes by examining a large number of designs. This allows the reader to design a Yagi either from scratch or by using one of the set designs.

This edition also contains a 1.44 MB floppy disk of computer software. It is for

IBM/C personal computers using DOS. There are programs on gamma match design, element taper, propagation, transmission lines and Yagi design. The programs are generally text display and the program on elevation is of use only in the USA. The gems in the software are the Yagi programs, in particular the Yagi analyser. The program allows you to go through the optimisation of a Yagi described in the book, at the touch of a button. It includes a library of designs to choose from. The display is graphical (and well done) using a EGA/VGA monitor. However, it can be modified for Hercules or CGA. It is a good example of a program that is easy to use and easy to interpret.

The emphasis in the book appears to be on practical understanding. It is a reference book. There is an enormous amount of material. Years of experience from many sources. Each of the chapters makes liberal use of diagrams, graphs, tables and photographs. This makes it easy to understand what is being described. It was easy to quickly understand the principles of the

"Telerama" even though I had never heard the name before.

Using the index, it was easy to locate all my favourite topics. They had all the detail required. Many had references to other articles, for further study. All the topics that I could think of were included. The one topic that I felt should not have been included, was not. That particular antenna is still referred to in some magazines even though it has been described in technical literature as "a waste of good coax". The job of sifting wheat from chaff is protracted and obviously still done. It is always reassuring to know that you can rely on this book as authoritative.

The first edition that I purchased was very long on theory, particularly transmission line. This edition has concentrated more on the practice. The change has not been radical, more evolutionary. Theory is included to balance the how with the why, but does not dominate.

The chapters on ancillary topics are still included. They are Safety first, Ground effects, Antenna selection, Transmission lines, Coupling transmitter to the line, Measurements and Smith chart calculations. All have the detail that one expects of the book.

This is a new edition of an old favourite. It has been one of the best references in the past. The editor has incorporated change and kept the book as an authority as technology improves. The publishers clearly want this book to continue as the definitive reference in the amateur's library.

WIA News

Boost to SMA Liaison

Liaison with the SMA at Federal level will encompass a more cohesive team approach following a decision of the WIA Federal Council at its October quarterly meeting.

The principal SMA Liaison team now consists of Federal SMA Liaison Officer, Gavan Berger VK1EB (appointed at the Federal AGM in May), Federal President Neil Penfold VK8NE, and Federal Vice Chairman Roger Harrison VK2ZRH. For particular meetings where specific knowledge or expertise is required in given areas of the hobby, other people will be called on to participate in meetings with the SMA.

While SMA liaison has, in the past, been conducted with several WIA people occasionally present at various meetings, this new approach is expected to improve communication between the SMA and the WIA and keep the Federal Council more closely associated with activities and negotiations. Federal President Neil Penfold was to seek a team meeting with the SMA Spectrum Manager, Christine Goode, and other senior SMA staffers at the earliest available opportunity with a view to outlining general agendas, issues and approaches for future meetings. It was hoped that this could be done in early December.

Contests

Peter Nesbit VK3APN* Federal Contest Coordinator

Contest Calendar Dec 94 — Feb 95

Dec 2/4	ARRL 160 m Contest	(Nov 94)
Dec 10/11	ARRL 10 m Contest	(Nov 94)
Dec 26 to Jan 28	Ross Hui VHF/UHF Contest	(Nov 94)
Dec 31	Canada Winter Contest	
Jan 1	ARRL Straight Key "Night"	
Jan 7/8	ARRL RTTY Roundup	
Jan 14/15	VHF/UHF Field Day	
Jan 14/15	HA DX CW Contest	
Jan 27/29	CQ WW 160 m DX Contest	
Jan 28/29	UBA Belgium SSB DX Contest	
Feb 11/12	PACC CW/SSB DX Contest	
Feb 11/12	Spanish RTTY Contest	
Feb 18/19	ARRL DX CW Contest	
Feb 24/26	CQ 160 Metre SSB Contest	
Feb 25/26	RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest	
Feb 25/26	UBA Belgium CW DX Contest	

Well, it's hard to believe another year is almost over. Last January, my plans for the year included converting the rig to full QSK, putting up a phased array, finishing a home brew SSB linear, getting started on packet, tracking down some local power line noise, and maybe even writing an article or two for *Amateur Radio* in my remaining "spare time". All this was to be achieved within the constraints of a 60+ hour job, a part-time masters degree, and normal domestic duties! It should be no surprise that the aforementioned tasks remain as intact as ever, and show no signs of abating for some time yet.

Unfortunately, these things have kept me off air more than I would have liked, to the extent of even missing some good contests. However, it's simply a result of priorities, in which family, job, and study are given precedence over the hobby of radio.

I remember visiting a ham years ago, who was renowned for his ability to work DX. He had a large rural property, covered with enormous beams, and would be exchanging S6 reports with DX stations long after they had disappeared into the noise for everyone else. He was on for hours every day, working long path, short path, and every other path imaginable. As I trudged up the side drive, marvelling at the antennas, I was startled by a bark from the kitchen window "HE'S UP THE BACK!" Somewhat taken aback I attempted to exchange pleasantries, but to no avail, so I continued on to the shack where a very pleasant evening was spent chatting about DX, antennas, rigs, and so on.

On the way home, I was troubled by my inability to reconcile the image of my

friend as a top DXer, envied by all, with that of someone whose domestic atmosphere fell somewhat short of Utopia. Perhaps I had arrived on a bad day, or maybe I was reading too much into the event, but it did remind me of the sort of hostility I had witnessed in other households where amateur radio had all but taken over. From that point on, I vowed to always try and keep a healthy balance between amateur radio and other responsibilities of life, even if it sometimes meant skipping the occasional DX opening or contest.

With the Christmas holidays approaching, and the chance to catch up on projects and spend more time on air, let's not overlook the family. As each year passes, those close to us get older, fall sick, or become less accessible one way or another. By all means nurture the on-air friendships, but don't forget that at the end of the day we are just simple human beings, with a need to give and receive companionship with those we love. We are here for so little time, let's make the most of it while we can. The DX will be there tomorrow!

Merry Christmas to all of our valued readers.

Thanks to VK3KWA, LA4YW, The Radio Amateur Club of Canada, CQ, QST, and *Radio Communications*. Until next month, good contesting!

73, Peter VK3APN

Contest Details

The following contest details are supplemented by the "General Rules & Definitions" published in April 1993 *Amateur Radio*.

Canada Winter Contest

Dec 31, 0000z to 2359z Saturday

Amateurs worldwide are invited to join this yearly contest, sponsored by the RAC. Categories are: single operator single band, all band, or all band QRP (5W O/P); and multioperator. There are no single mode categories. Use 160-2 m, CW or phone (SSB, AM, FM etc). On CW try 25 kHz up on the half hour, and on phone 1850, 3775, 7075, 7225, 14175, 21250, 28500. Any station can work any other for credit. For each Canada QSO score 10 points, and each non-Canada QSO 2 points. QSOs with official Canadian RAC stations are worth 20 points (RAC suffix). Note that CW and phone QSOs must be made in the appropriate sub-band to be valid (I expect 160 m is exempt from this rule, due to the absence of coordinated international sub-bands).

Canadians will send RS(T) + province, all others (incl VE0) will send RS(T) + serial. Multipliers (max 12) are counted once per band and mode (ie 12 on 160 m SSB, 12 on 160 m CW, 12 on 80 m CW etc). Provinces are listed later in this column. Final score equals total points x total multiplier. Send logs to "RAC, Box 356, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4W2, Canada" by 31 January 1995.

ARRL Straight Key "Night"

Jan 1, 0000z to 2400z Sunday

This is a yearly activity period on New Year's Day, for stations using a straight key. It is not a contest, there are no serial numbers, and ragchewing is encouraged. US stations usually congregate 60-80 kHz up from the band edge. Use "SKN" instead of RST in the exchange, to indicate to other stations you are using a straight key. Send a list of stations worked plus your vote for best fist heard, most interesting contact etc, by 8 January to: "ARRL SKN", 225 Main Street, Newington, CT, USA 06111.

ARRL RTTY Roundup

Jan 7/8, 1800z Saturday to 2400z Sunday

The object is to contact as many local and overseas stations as possible on Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, and packet (attended). More than one digital mode may be used, but QSOs and multipliers are counted once only regardless of mode. The bands allowed are 3.5-30 MHz, on frequencies recommended for digital operation (no 10, 18 or 24 MHz). Categories are: single operator all band (1) max 150 W O/P, (2) more than 150 W O/P; multi-operator single transmitter all band. A maximum of 24 hours operating time is permitted out of the 30 hour contest period. At least two separate rest periods must be taken, each at least 15

minutes long, with the on and off times clearly marked in the log. Listening time counts as operating time.

Exchange signal report and QSO number. WVE stations will send signal report and state/province. Score one point per QSO. A station may be worked once per band for points credit. The multiplier is the total US states worked (except KH6 & KL7), Canadian provinces (including VE8 & VY1), and DXCC countries (except USA and Canada). KH6 and KL7 count as countries. Multipliers are counted once overall, not once per band. The final score is the total points times the multiplier. Check sheets are required for logs with 200+ QSOs. Mail your log and summary sheet by 7 February to: "ARRL RTTY Roundup", 225 Main Street, Newington, CT, USA 06111. Alternatively, logs can be sent on DOS disk, or to the ARRL BBS (203-665-0090), or via Internet to contest@arrl.org.

HA DX CW Contest

Jan 14/15, 2200 Saturday to 2200z Sunday

This popular contest takes place on the third full weekend of January each year. Categories are single operator single or multiband, multioperator single or multitransmitter, and SWL Bands are 160-10 m. Exchange RST + serial number; HA/HG stations will add a 2 letter county code. Codes for each call area are (1) NY VA ZA, (2) KO VE, (3) SO TO BA, (4) FE, (5) BP, (6) NG HE, (7) PE SZ, (8) BN BE CS, (9) BO, (0) HA SA

Score six points per HA/HG QSO, and three points for each non-HA QSO outside your own continent. Multipliers are the total HA counties worked per band. Final score equals total points x multiplier. Separate logs for each band are requested. Send logs with summary sheet and declaration within six weeks to "Hungarian Radioamateur Society, Box 86, Budapest H-1581, Hungary".

CQ Worldwide 160 Metre DX Contest

CW: Jan 27-29, 2200z Friday to 1600z Sunday;
Phone: Feb 24-26, 2200z Friday to 1600z Sunday.

The CW and Phone sections of this contest are scheduled for the last full weekend of January and February each year. The object is to contact as many stations worldwide on 160 m as possible. VK to VK contacts are permitted for contest credit. Categories are single and multioperator. The use of packet, a spotting net, or logging assistant makes you multi-op. Suggested DX frequencies are 1830-1835, WVEs will usually operate

outside this window. Look for Japan on 1907-1912.

Exchange RS(T) plus prefix or country abbreviation (WVE will send RST plus state/province). Score two points for contacts with stations in own country, five points with stations in other countries in the same continent (continental boundary as for WAC), five points for contacts with FMM stations, and ten points with stations in other WAC continents.

Multipliers are US states (max 48, KH6 & KL7 not included); Canadian provinces (max 13, as VO1 & VO2 are considered separately); and DXCC & WAE countries including KH6 and KL7. Maritime mobile stations no longer count as multipliers. The final score equals the total QSO points times total multiplier (US states + VE provinces + DX countries). Indicate CW or SSB on the envelope, and mail the log and paper summary sheet to: "CQ 160 Metre Contest, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801". Mailing deadlines are 28 Feb for CW, and 31 March for SSB.

Canadian Provinces & Territories

Because so many American contests count Canadian provinces and territories as multipliers, I thought it would be helpful to list them for once and for all. So, for future reference, please note the following list:

Newfoundland (VO1, VO2); Prince Edward Island (VY2); Nova Scotia (VE1, CY9, CYD); New Brunswick (VE1), Quebec (VE2/VA2); Ontario (VE3/VA3); Manitoba (VE4); Saskatchewan (VE5); Alberta (VE6); British Columbia (VE7/VA7); North West Territories (VE8); Yukon (VY1).

Results of 1993 SAC Contest

(Call/QSOs/poins/mult/final score)

CW:

VK2APK*	178	280	58	18,240
VK6ZH	136	158	47	7,426
VK8AV	96	106	35	3,710
VK4XA	73	73	34	2,482
VK4TT	68	68	34	2,312

SSB:

VK2APK*	112	170	46	7,820
VK8AV	28	28	21	588

Results of 1993 ARRL 10 m Contest

Call, Final score; QSOs; Mults; Hrs; Mode (A = mixed, B = phone, C = CW, D = multiop); Output Power (A = 5 W max, B = 150 W max, C = more than 150 W).	VK2APK*	93,024	337	72	36 A B
VK8BE	1,976	35	19	36 A B	
VK4NEF*	2,600	65	20	36 B A	
VK2ARJ*	5,400	108	25	36 B B	
VK2GAH	1,024	32	16	36 B B	
VK4LW	1,760	80	11	36 B C	

VK4XA*	93,600	390	60	21	C B
VK2VM	22,196	179	31	9	C B
VK4ICU	2,304	72	8	36	C B
VK3EFO	1,548	43	9	36	C B
VK2OF*	69,688	281	62	36	C C
VK4TT	54,180	301	45	36	C C
VK1DX*	114,800	646	82	36	D
(ops VK1s FF MOJ PJ, VK2s ILK IVK)					

VHF — UHF FIELD DAY 1995

Presented by John VK3KWA

The annual VHF/UHF Field Day will be run on the weekend of 14/15 January 1995. The Ross Hull Contest will be in progress at this time and any contacts made for one can be counted for the other. Please remember that the Field Day exchange must include your Maidenhead locator, and that repeat contacts are allowed for the Field Day but not the Ross Hull Contest.

Several minor rule changes have been made in response to comments made by entrants last year. The timing of the Field Day has been changed to correspond as closely as possible to midday local time (within the constraints imposed by our annual mixture of standard and daylight savings times).

The flexible 24-hour period has been dropped because last year most stations packed up 24 hours after the start of the Field Day and there were few contacts to be had on the Sunday afternoon. The rules have also been changed to exclude 24-hour entrants from also submitting six-hour logs. There have also been minor changes to the general rules.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday 14 January to 0400 UTC Sunday 15 January. All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday. In local time, the starting time is therefore 11 am in Queensland, 12 noon in other eastern states, 11.30 am in SA, and 12 noon in WA.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours
 - B: Portable station, single operator, 6 hours
 - C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours
 - D: Home station, 24 hours.
- Entrants may submit logs for only one section. Six-hour operation must be for six consecutive hours, starting on the hour.

General Rules

All modes and bands above 30MHz may be used. Contest exchanges should not be made on recognised DX calling

frequencies Repeater, satellite and cross band contacts are not allowed.

Operation may be from any location. You may work stations within your own locator square. Each station may use only one callsign. A station is portable only if its equipment is portable.

Contest Exchange

RS or RST reports, a three-digit serial number, and your Maidenhead locator. Serial numbers need not be consecutive.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours.

Scoring

One point per contact. The band multipliers are:

6 m 2 m 70 cm 23 cm 13 cm Higher
x1 x4 x7 x10 x13 x18

For each band, multiply the number of contacts by the number of locator squares worked on that band, then by the appropriate band multiplier. For example, on 2 metres, 20 contacts x 4 squares x 4 = 320 points. See the sample scoring table below.

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, band, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain name, address and callsign, section entered, the period of operation to be scored (if entering the six hour section), and a scoring table.

The scoring table should be as follows:

Band	Contacts	Squares	Mult.	Total
6 m	xxxx	x	xxxx	x 1 =
2 m	xxxx	x	xxxx	x 4 =
70 cm	xxxx	x	xxxx	x 7 =
etc.				xxxx
Overall Total				xxxx

Entered

Post logs to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, PO Box 2175, Caulfield Junction VIC 3161. Logs must be received by Monday, 30 January 1995. Early logs would be appreciated.

Awards

The overall winner will be the highest all-band scorer in Section A. Awards will also be made to the highest scorer on each band in Section A, and the highest scorers in Sections B, C and D.

PO Box 2175 Caulfield Junction VIC 3161

Divisional Notes

VK2 NOTES

Richard Murnane VK2SKY

The VK2 Notes return (again!), hopefully for good this time. In late September, Roger Harrison VK2ZRH resigned from the VK2 Council making a number of claims of illegal activities on the part of several Councillors. Council accepted his resignation, but rejected his stated reasons for doing so. Tony Lolio VK2ZL fills the vacant position left on Council, and Pixie Chapple is now Divisional Secretary; several other Council portfolios have been reallocated.

Things are at last getting back on an even keel. The broadcast team (most of whom had resigned over the last year) have now returned, and the Divisional President, Michael Corbin VK2PFO, gives an address to the members each week. What he says might not always be what you'd like to hear, but it is what needs to be said.

The damage caused to the Dural facility when it was "closed down" in January is still being repaired, but most services have been restored.

The Divisional Voice Mailbox on 724-8793 seemed to fall into disuse shortly after the AGM. Hopefully, this service will soon carry the weekly news highlights from VK2WI once again.

Evidence is currently being prepared for an approach to the courts to allow the Division to hold fresh elections. Meanwhile, the interim Council is attempting to conduct the business of the Division with the help of an increasing number of volunteers. A handful of habitual malcontents on packet appear to have plenty of spare time on their hands, perhaps they'd care to do something positive for the Division?

Spares Required for Dural

The Division is looking for type 807 valves for the AM broadcast transmitters at Dural. Our last request for 810's brought a good response — can we depend on you again? We're also looking to restore our broadcast service on 6 m SSB and we require a crystal locked transceiver for that band, with an output power of at least 10 watts. If you can provide the goods, please contact the Divisional Office.

Message from the President

As this will be the last opportunity before Christmas, on behalf of myself and the "Council", I wish members, readers and their families a happy and Holy

Christmas, and everything you wish for yourselves in the New Year.

Michael Corbin VK2PFO

VK3 Notes

Barry Wilton VK3XV

Christmas Holidays

The WIA Victoria office will close on 15 December 1994, and reopen on 7 February 1995. Membership applications received by post during this period will be processed.

80 Metre DX Window

A submission prepared by Peter VK3QL and David VK3EW has been tabled by WIA Victoria, and we are confident the SMA will soon grant an extension to the bandwidth of this important DX window.

EMC and Amateur Operators

WIA Victoria has been closely monitoring the development of cable television and the proposed methods of distribution. The recently stated intention of Optus to distribute via fibre optics, line amplifiers and co-ax cable suspended overhead on poles currently used for electricity supply is of concern.

There could be potential for interference on amateur frequencies, and also for amateur operators to interfere with domestic television, if this method of distribution is utilised.

When the matter was raised with the SMA, a less than satisfactory response was received, and the SMA advised any problems encountered would be the responsibility of the telecommunications watch-dog, Austel.

WIA Victoria is dissatisfied with this response and intends to vigorously pursue this matter.

Nominations for Council

Nominations for the 1994/95 Victorian Division Council close at noon on Friday, 13 January 1995. Nominations will only be accepted on forms available from the Secretary. Nomination forms must be obtained prior to close of business on Thursday, 15 December 1994. Nominations may be returned by ordinary mail to the office, and will be processed during the holiday period.

Sunday Broadcast

During the year several members requested the broadcast be extended to the 20 m band to cater for mobile users

in interstate areas. Two surveys conducted produced very little in the way of support for the proposal.

Material for the broadcast continues to be in short supply and we are in need of a willing hand to produce scripts on a regular basis.

If there is not sufficient interest in the broadcast, and news gathering and production assistance is not forthcoming in the new year, Council will need to look to other options which include reducing the number of broadcasts put to air in any one month.

Special Projects Funding

This initiative was very successful with financial assistance being provided for a number of projects which are now nearing completion. The majority of applications received for assistance involved extension to the packet network and linking of services.

We hope to be able to continue this assistance for projects of benefit to members in the new year, and submissions will be welcomed from other special interest groups.

Members will be advised both in Amateur Radio and on the Divisional broadcasts when requests should be made.

The Council Extends Seasons Greetings to All Members.

VK6 Notes

Peter Parker VK6BWI

At its Annual General Meeting on 5 October at Wireless Hill, the WA Amateur Digital Communications Association elected the following.

President	Phil VK6AD
Vice President	Ian VK6ZGA
Secretary	Rob VK6ABR
Technical Officer	Joe VK6ZTN
Broadcast Officer	Clem VK6CW
Auditor	Frank VK6JK
Committee	Rob VK6VP, Ray VK6RR, John VK6NT, Trish VK6QL

Wireless Hill is an excellent VHF site, providing good coverage around the Perth Metropolitan area. The Association's PBBS is located here and has a user port on 144.725 MHz. RTTY users on 148.600 MHz can be linked through to the packet network by this system. The PBBS also transmits on 14.109 MHz to link us with the outside world. 147.575 MHz is used for forwarding between BBS systems.

It is understood that a digipeater at Cataby between Perth and Geraldton, is proposed. To play your part in ensuring that this and other exciting projects come to fruition, you are welcome to attend the

Association's monthly meetings. They are on the first Wednesday of every month (except January) at the Wireless Hill Meeting Room, starting at 8 pm.

Special Divisional Meeting Attracts Potential Amateurs

For many years, amateur radio study courses in Perth had been run through the TAFE system. These were dropped about two years ago. The Division has realised that, in this age of user pays and devolution, we must take our own initiatives to train and examine the amateurs of tomorrow. Accordingly, we held a special meeting on 3 October to ascertain interest for a proposed amateur radio course. Thanks to word-of-mouth and advertising in local newspapers, enough people attended to warrant a course being started. It will have begun by the time you read this, the first class being held on Tuesday, 8 November.

The class is being conducted every Tuesday night for approximately two hours over a twenty week period. It's being held in Bull Creek and the instructor is Allan Bell VK6SK. For further information on this and future courses, contact the WIA Divisional Education Coordinator, Rob VK6THB, on (09) 434 3283.

The VK6 Division wishes its members a safe and prosperous 1995.

"QRM" — News from the Tasmanian Division

Robin L Hanwood VK7RH

Sadly I have to report that two more VK7 hams have died recently. Rick Bray VK7ZZ passed away on 26 October after a long illness. He came from England and worked at the Australian Maritime College for nine years. He was active in several community groups, including the Northern Caverneering Group, and served as secretary of the Northern Branch of the WIA in the mid-eighties. He was also a driving force behind the AMC Amateur Radio Club. Rick checked in occasionally during the past year on the daily Tasmanian Sewing Circle Net on 3590 kHz.

Harry Bracken VK7BR was another amateur who was active in the North in the mid-sixties. He worked in the PMG's Department at various locations within the State.

As we come to the end of the calendar year, it seems to have become traditional for each Branch to wind up with either a BBQ or a Christmas Dinner. At deadline time only the Northern Branch has yet to finalise their plans, but these should be

announced on the weekly VK7NB broadcast on Wednesdays at 1930 hours locally on repeater 7000 and 3590 kHz.

The Southern Branch, also now known as VK7OTC, will be holding a Christmas BYO BBQ at the Domain Activity Centre on Sunday, 4 December from 1100 am. The Northwestern Branch will be holding a Christmas Dinner at the Bass & Flinders Motel in Ulverstone on 13 December. This will be in lieu of the normal monthly meeting. For further details contact David Spicer VK7ZDJ.

The only scheduled monthly meeting will be the Southern Branch at the Domain Activity Centre on 7 December at 2000 hours. January is the quietest month with neither Northern nor Southern Branches meeting. However, the Divisional broadcast will be continuing throughout January although VK7NB will be in recess till the end of January.

In conclusion, may I, on behalf of the Tasmanian Division, extend Season's Greetings to all members of the Division and look forward to your active participation in 1995 which, coincidentally, is the Centenary of the Development of Wireless by Guglielmo Marconi

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How's DX

Stephen Pail VK2PS*

The other night I had a very bad dream. I woke up in a sweat. I dreamed that the US Treasury had decided to withdraw the \$US1.00 note from circulation. Can you imagine, if that ever became a reality, what would happen to the direct QSLing system? The well known "green stamp" no more! Disaster!

Not necessarily so. One opinion is that most of the award programs, which require a physical QSL card for proof of contact, will be forced to change their rules. Another opinion says that it will be not a problem, the bureau system will be used. At present most of the serious DXers do not use the bureau system because of its predictable weaknesses — slow, often very slow (one to three years, or more, turn around of cards); and the unpredictability, especially in the developing countries, of the existence or non-existence of QSL bureaus.

As a last resort, if there are no more green stamps, we will have to use IRCs, the International Reply Coupon system. This would seem to be the logical conclusion. There are some problems with IRCs also. Postal authorities in some countries, for example Germany, have a fixed monetary value placed on them. The German postal system values one IRC at DM 2.00 whilst the air-mail postage from Germany to a foreign country outside Europe, say Australia, is DM 3.00, so you need to send two IRCs to the German QSL Manager. Postal rates, the purchase price of IRCs, and the monetary foreign exchange system are interlinked. A year ago, and I am talking now about the Australian situation, one IRC cost a little over one Australian dollar (actually, \$A 1.35). If you bought some IRCs lately you found that you had to pay \$AUS2.00 for each of them. A hefty price increase and it was not publicised widely. On the other hand the purchase price of one IRC in Japan is 150 Yen which equates neatly with \$AUS 2.00.

What I am saying is this, and I am sticking my neck out for predicting the future, be prepared for a considerable increase in the near future of Australian Postal rates to foreign countries. Do not be misled by the multi-colour four page pamphlet released recently by Australia Post entitled "Five year price freeze". That refers only to domestic standard letter rate of 45c which will be frozen, at least until the beginning of 1997. The difference between 1997 and 1994, if my maths are correct, is only three years. Maybe

Australia Post uses a different mathematical system.

To make this polemic short my advice is to do all your direct QSLing now, before the end of the year, at a cheaper postal rate. Talking about the end of the year? Yes, the 12 months of 1994 are nearly over. I wish all my readers a joyous season, a healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year, and good propagation on all bands.

What is a DX Country?

With the present controversy surrounding the Pratas Island operation, the Scarborough Reef activity, the non-acceptance of the P5RS7 operation for DXCC credit, and the recent deliberations about the minimum size of a country, I feel it is time to summarise for readers the present rules of the DXCC regarding the definition of a "country".

When an area in question meets at least one of the following three points, it is eligible as a separate country listing for the DXCC countries list.

Point 1 Government

Independent country or nation-state having sovereignty. Points to consider include: Body of society united together politically with definite territory, definite population, organised or controlled under one exclusive regime and engaging in foreign relations, has the capacity for international agreements, diplomatic relations, possible membership in United Nations, membership in the International Telecommunication Union, authorised user of ITU allocated callsign prefixes, issues currency, stamps, regulates foreign trade, etc.

Point 2 Separation by Water

An island or a group of islands which is part of a DXCC country established by reason of Government, is considered as a separate DXCC country, if:

- a. The island, or the island group, are situated offshore, geographically separated by a minimum 225 miles of open water from a continent, or island or island group that makes up any part of the "parent" DXCC country; and
- b. A "second" island of the same DXCC country must have a separation by water of at least 500 miles from the first island and a separation of 225 miles from the "parent country".

Point 3 Separation by Another DXCC Country

- a. Where a Point 1 DXCC country (government) composed of one or more continental land areas or of continental land areas and islands, is totally separated by an intervening DXCC country into two land areas which are at least 75 miles apart, two DXCC countries are created.
- b. Where a Point 1 DXCC country (Government) composed entirely of islands is totally separated by an intervening DXCC country into two areas, then two DXCC countries result. No minimal distances required by separation.

Point 4 Ineligible Areas

- a. Any area which is unclaimed or not owned by any recognised government.
- b. Any demilitarised zone, neutral zone, buffer zone.
- c. The following do not count as a separate DXCC country from the host country: embassies, consulates, extra-territorial legal entities of any nature including, but not limited to, monuments, offices of the United Nations Agencies or related organisations, other intergovernmental organisations or diplomatic Missions.

Of course, the above is a précis of the rules and regulations of the DXCC award. If you want the total information about the Award, send \$US2.00 for a handsome 30 page booklet entitled "The ARRL DXCC Countries List" containing an application form for the award to: The ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111 USA. Your booklet will arrive by sea-mail.

Bhutan AS

It was late in October on a Thursday night at a Japanese restaurant in Sydney's Crow's Nest area. A small group of amateurs raised their glasses to the expected success of an upcoming possible DXpedition to Bhutan. Jim VK9NS was full of enthusiasm. Atsu VK2BEX, a well known DXpeditioner in his own right, and myself, not yet a DXpeditioner but a recorder of this column, were the listeners.

Jim recalled the many years of negotiations and preparations prior to his first visit to that country, between 21 March and 11 April 1990, when he made approximately 15,000 QSOs. Jim went back to Bhutan a year later with Kirsti VK9NL. He hoped to operate again but did not succeed in obtaining permission to operate. However, he has maintained close contact with the Bhutanese officials since 1991. Finally there was some result. In October 1994 he was invited to Bhutan by the Bhutanese Ministry of

Communication for a visit in connection with the Amateur Radio Service Jim passed through Sydney on his way to the Kingdom of Bhutan on 27 October. He intended to stay in Bhutan, and possibly also in Bangladesh, until the end of November. An old friend and DXer, Kan JA1BK, will accompany him on his Bhutan adventure.

For those who are not familiar with the geography of Bhutan here are a few basic facts about the country. It is situated in the south eastern part of Asia, immediately south of the Himalayas. China, India and Nepal are the neighbouring countries. It is a small mountainous country of about 47,000 square km in area with a population of approximately 1.5 million. The capital of the country is Thimpu with about 12,000 residents. The Kingdom of Bhutan has been governed by a dynasty of hereditary kings since 1907.

Bhutan was more or less a closed country and has opened up to outside western influence only since World War II. Road improvements have opened up many parts of the country and airlinks have been established with neighbouring countries. Despite modernisation the Bhutanese try to retain their unique religious and cultural heritage. The future of amateur radio lies entirely with the Bhutanese. Pradhan A51PN was the last Bhutanese who operated amateur radio from that country in the early 1980s. Jim's visits in 1990 and 1991, and his present visit, hopefully will assist in establishing the amateur radio service for the Bhutanese and for the rest of the amateur radio fraternity.

Decision of the DXCC Awards Committee

The DXAC, the DX Advisory Committee, made some recommendations as reported in a press-release on 24 August (See November *Amateur Radio*) about the minimum size for a new DXCC country.

The DXCC Awards Committee has voted five to two against the DXAC's recommendation as per a news release issued on 6 October. Those voting against shared the feeling that a minimum size rule was not needed.

Awards committee chairman, Chuck Hutchinson K8CH, advised the result with DXAC chairman, Bob Beatty W4VQ, immediately after the vote. Standard operating procedure for the committee allows the DXAC to resubmit a recommendation (with or without changes) on appeal, and Chairman Beatty has announced his intention to do that. Individuals may send comments to ARRL HQ. Comments addressed to the DXAC will be read by members of both committees.

DXAC Chairman Beatty has declared



Jean Michel TR8JH, Gabon, with a child from the local village.

a moratorium on new DXCC country petitions that may be affected by a minimum size rule. This moratorium will continue until such time as the deliberation on this issue is complete.

Future DX Activity

- Dave A22MN is very active on all bands. He will stay there until March 1995. QSL via WA8JOC.
- HS0/DL2VK is Reiner who is active from the Northeast of Thailand — Nakhom Phanom — for 6 months starting 10 October. He prefers CW but works also in SSB and digital modes.
- There is a rumour, originating from Germany, that a group of ZLs intend to activate the Balleny Island group (Antarctica) from Sabrina Island in December 1994. Sabrina Island is located on the West side of the island group. On the island there are the ruins of a polar station built in 1948 but abandoned some years later
- FR5HG/E is active on Europa Island, length of stay not known. Europa is a small rocky and sandy island located at 22° 20' S and 40° 21' E off Madagascar.
- Walt G4NYY, Tim G4VXE, and Dave WG3I will be active from Nassau, New Providence island from 10 to 18 December on 160 to 10 m, including the WARC Bands. Operation will be mainly in CW. Callsigns will be C6A/home call. QSL via home call.
- TJIJR is active. Randy is a missionary who arrived in Cameroon with his family in July and will be there for the next four years. QSL via N7VEW.
- VK0IX will be active from Casey base, Antarctica. QSL via VK5PO.
- HH1D and HH1T are Darlene KC8CTC and her husband Tim KB8CTD. They are missionaries in the mountain area of Haiti. QSL via NE8Z
- Jeff VP9NC is active mostly on CW. QSL to WB2YQH.
- Peter XT2BW has returned to Burkina Faso and expects to be active until the end of 1994. QSL to WB2YQH.
- There was some news back in June 1994 that Joe DF1AL was planning a DXpedition to Congo, TN, from 27 February to 6 April 1995. No further news has come to hand since
- A92FV is on the bands. His length of stay is unknown. The operator is G0OAB and he is active on the CW bands.
- The following Canadian special prefixes may be used to commemorate the International Year of the Family from 29 October to 29 December VB, VG, X09, X00, XN9, XNO.
- Joe FK8GY will be active from Lifou Island in the Loyalty Group (OC-33), between 10 and 12 January 1995 on 20, 40 and 80 metres. Those who work him will receive a Diploma from the REF, the French national amateur body. QSL to Box 7219 Noumea, New Calendonia.

Interesting QSOs and QSL Information

E = East Coast W = West Coast M = the rest of Australia.

- VR2KF — Kazu — 14226 — SSB — 1200 — Oct (E). QSL to Kazu, GPO Box 4724, Hong Kong.
- 9Y4NG — Arnold — 14225 — SSB — 1303 — Sep (E). QSL to A Griffith, 646

Ocean Ave, Gulf View, Laromain, Trinidad.

- 5T5JC — Eric — 7083 — SSB — 0654 — Sept (E). QSL to F6FNU, Antoine Baideck, BP 14, F-91291, Arpajon Cedex, France.
- HC5EA — Edgar — 14191 — SSB — 0506 — Oct (E). QSL to The Manager, PO Box 14, Cuenca, Ecuador.
- HS0/DL2VK — Reiner — 14020 — CW — 1121 — Oct (W). QSL to DL2VK, Reiner Eischens, Diezer Str, 95, D-65549, Limburg, Germany.
- YN5JAR — Jose — 7083 — SSB — 0642 — Oct (E). QSL to Jose Antonio Roman Matus, PO Box 122, Jinotepe, Nicaragua.
- 8J1RL — Masa — 14018 — CW — 0953 — Sep (W). QSL to Japanese QSL Bureau.
- 9J2GO — George — 14164 — SSB — 0527 — Sep (W). QSL to George, 56 Datura Ave, Luanshya, Zambia, Africa.
- VU2LX — Laxman — 14015 — CW — 0218 — Sep (W). QSL to K Lakshmanan, 30/3 Nanjappa Rd, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore, 560027, India.
- 4L4TL — Tom — 14190 — SSB — 0537 — Oct (E). QSL to TA7KA, Mr Omar, PO Box 71, TR-61000, Trabzon, Turkey.
- JW8GV — Ala — 7084 — SSB — 1108 — Oct (E). QSL to The Manager, PO Box 27, Longyearbyen, N-9170 Norway.
- 9V1XQ — Mike — 7083 — SSB — 1001 — Oct (E). QSL to G4PKP, John Jones, 24 Matthew St, Liverpool, Merseyside, England, L2 6RE.
- Those who are operating in the 75 m "DX window" must have heard a very strong RITTY signal on 37965 kHz, causing severe QRM. This signal appeared intermittently early in October. According to the FCC the signal is coming from the Caribbean, probably from Haiti, and it could be of US military origin.
- 9N1SC was the call of a Mount Everest DXpedition activated by G4SSC.
- The QSL address of FG5BG is Georges Santalikan, 44 Rue Amedee Fengerol Brest, F-29130, Capesterre, Guadeloupe, FWI France
- Is this a trend for the future of amateur radio? The IOTA Committee of the RSGB and Yaesu UK Ltd, announced that they have entered into a sponsorship agreement by which Yaesu becomes the principal sponsor of the RSGB IOTA Program. The agreement is a worldwide agreement and runs for three years from 1 October 1994.
- Did you know this? The DXCC Award came into being as a result of an article in October 1935 "QST" entitled "How to count countries worked; a new DX scoring system" by Clinton B De Soto W1CBD. He described the first country criteria as "The basic rule is simple and direct; each discrete geographical or political entity is considered to be a country."
- Art NN7A sent me a note about his proposed activity in Victoria, South Australia and Northern Territory during the month of November. Unfortunately, his letter arrived after the deadline for the November issue of Amateur Radio. Art operated as VK3FBM and his wife Dede as VK3JKQ from various places including Phillip Island (OC-136) and Kangaroo Island (OC-139). Please QSL direct to Art Phillips, PO Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002 USA or via the W7 QSL Bureau.
- ZL6DJ was a special event station celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the NZART.
- If you worked 3D2BE, QSL to HB9KAS.
- A contact with ED5DX can be confirmed via EA5BYP
- TI2JJP was active from Cocos Island (Pacific Ocean) from 20 to 29 October as TI9JJP
- Kan JA1BK is returning the donations that were made for the P5RS7 DXpedition, which was not accepted for DXCC credit.
- Did you know that before you are allowed to operate on SSB as a resident of Bermuda (VP9), you must first have 500 CW contacts?
- VK9RNI is a new 6 metre beacon being installed on Norfolk Island.
- If you come across a ZL1BAI callsign, he is none other than Jim VK9NS.
- The correct QSL manager for the contest station HG73DX is HA1KSA. This includes past, present and future activity. Direct or via the Bureau.

QSL Received

H44MS (3W DL2GAC) — YJ0AVH (2M VK4CRR) — TK5BF (2W op) — HP8ADU (5W op) — F5NBX (2W op) — SS9AA (2M op) — V44KAI (3M op) — YS1DRF (6W 2WPD) — C41A (5W 9A2AJ) — VP2EJ (4W N6ZJM).

Thank You

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this column, but especially to VK1FF, VK2KCP, VK2KFU, VK4AAR, VK6DX and VK9NS. Special thanks also to the following sources of information, ORZ DX, The DX Bulletin, DX News Sheet, The W6GO/K6HHD QSL Managers List, INDEXA.

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BT



Jim TU4EI, Ivory Coast, with pet spider monkey "Bobo".

FTAC Notes

John Martin VK3KWA, Chairman, Federal Technical Advisory Committee.

2.4 GHz Band Plan

This further revised plan takes into account all comments received on the earlier drafts, and it is proposed to present it to the WIA Federal Council for formal adoption early next year. The plan allows both terrestrial and satellite operation with a single transverter crystal. Other main features include two wideband channels, each 18 MHz wide, for FM ATV, and separate FM simplex segments for voice and data.

A fully detailed copy of this plan has been circulated to all states and copies are also available on request via the WIA Federal Office.

2400-2403 SATELLITES

2403-2406 NARROW BAND MODES	(Note 1)
2406-2424 WIDEBAND MODES	(Note 2)
2424-2425 NARROW BAND MODES	(Note 3)
2425-2426 FM SIMPLEX (VOICE)	
2426-2428 FM SIMPLEX (DATA)	
2428-2430 FM DUPLEX	(Note 4)
2430-2448 WIDEBAND MODES	(Note 2)
2448-2450 FM DUPLEX	(Note 4)

Notes

1. The 2403-2404 MHz segment subdivided as per existing plan for 2304 MHz, ie DX calling frequency 2403.1 MHz. Inband linear translators possible using 2404/2424 MHz, and crossband on 2405 MHz.
2. FM ATV frequencies 2415 +/- 9 MHz and 2439 +/- 9 MHz. Recommended primary channel for FM ATV: 2430-2448 MHz. The 2406-2424 MHz channel to be available until/unless required by future satellites.
3. Reserved for possible use for Region III NB and linear translators
4. These segments intended primarily for links but could also be used for experimental repeaters.

1.2 GHz Band Plan

The new plan for this band is still under discussion but a decision will be needed soon. A number of comments have been received from repeater groups, ATV groups and others, and there is general agreement on changing over to the international standard 20 MHz repeater split after the remaining 1275 MHz radars close down.

There were some objections to the band plan proposal circulated in July, especially over the bandwidth and placement of the ATV channel, and the need for a wideband data segment. A further revised proposal is shown below

which I believe overcomes the problems in the earlier plan.

The main changes are an 18 MHz wide ATV channel at 1274-1292 MHz, and new FM simplex segments for voice at 1294 MHz and data at 1297 MHz. A fully detailed copy of this plan can be obtained on request via the WIA federal office.

This proposal has already been circulated to all WIA Divisions, and comments would be appreciated as soon as possible. I am hopeful that agreement can be reached in time for the plan to be finalised and approved at the same time as the 13 cm plan early next year.

1240-1270	NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT BAND PLAN
1270-1272	NARROW BAND MODES (Note 1)
1272-1273	LINKS
1273-1274	REPEATER OUTPUTS
1274-1292	ATV CHANNEL 2 (Note 2)
1274-1281	AM ATV
1283 +/- 9 MHz	FM ATV
1285-1292	AM ATV
1292-1293	LINKS
1293-1294	REPEATER INPUTS
1294-1295	FM SIMPLEX (VOICE) (Note 3)
1295-1297	NARROW BAND MODES (Note 1)
1297-1300	FM SIMPLEX (DATA) (Note 4)

Notes

1. These segments subdivided as per existing plan for 1296 MHz
2. Recommended use for simplex or repeater outputs.
3. Channel spacing 25 kHz, calling frequency 1294.5 MHz.
4. Intended primarily for high speed data with 100 kHz channel spacing. Further details to be discussed with packet radio groups.

Packet Radio Band Plan Proposal

The South Australian Division has proposed an increase in the number of packet radio channels on both 2 metres and 70 cm, and the allocation of several 70 cm repeater pairs for use by regenerative repeaters. This proposal has been circulated to all Divisions together with an alternative proposal from FTAC. Full details of all of these proposals will be published next month.

National Foxhunting Channels

It has been suggested that there is a need for national foxhunting channels on VHF bands. I do not have much information on foxhunt activity, except that the mode used is usually FM and that different states use different frequencies. A national foxhunting frequency would simplify matters for national competitions and reduce the possibility of QRM. For that reason it would be a good idea to pick channels in the less used parts of each band.

I would appreciate any comments and suggestions on this. To start the ball rolling, I would suggest the following channels: 53.300, 145.300, 433.850.

On 23 cm, the frequency depends on proposed changes to the band plan. If the new 23 cm band plan shown above is adopted, I would suggest 1294.850 MHz for the foxhunting channel.

80 m DX Window

Mr Peter Allen, Acting Manager, Technical Services Team of the SMA has written confirming that the Regulations relating to the 80 m DX window are as described in last month's notes.

He stated that the carrier frequency for LSB stations in this window should be limited to 3.798 to 3.800 kHz.

He also stated it is most important that services operating immediately below the 80 m DX window do not receive interference from out-of-band amateur transmissions.

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WIA News

New Federal Secretary

Mr Lewis Badge has been appointed the new WIA Federal Secretary. His appointment was made by the WIA Federal Executive at the quarterly extraordinary convention over the weekend of 29-30th October. He took up his appointment in early November. Mr Badge is an accountant by profession and has a commercial background as a company secretary.

Donna Reilly, who served as Federal Secretary following Bruce Thorne's resignation in August, has returned to her previous role as Office Manager.

International Amateur Radio Union Monitoring Service (IARUMS) — Intruder Watch

Gordon Loveday VK4KAL*

Live Intruder Watching Nets

This material was taken "off air" by VK4BRG and passed to VK4KAL.

Are you concerned about the future of our exclusive frequencies, their orderly use by amateurs and the growing number of pirates, intruders and QRM on our bands? If so, please read on. I make the following suggestions:-

1. Only we ourselves will take full care of our hobby. We must speak for ourselves and protect our own interests.
2. The Intruder Watch organisations and monitoring system are doing just that, but do not receive enough support. If all of us just devoted a few hours operating time, even once a month, to logging intruders and reporting them to the co-ordinators, it could make a really big difference.
3. About 75% of the reports received by the intruder watch services appear to lack the vitally needed information necessary to "busting an intruder", eg QTH(country), or identity of the intruder. This information is usually missing for the following reasons:-
 - (a) Intruders do not usually give this information in their transmissions;
 - (b) Reports by only one or two amateurs are usually of short duration, thus insufficient information could be gathered, except time, date, frequency; and
 - (c) The intruders do not always follow regular schedules and may re-appear on other frequencies in our bands on other days.

I think this situation can be radically improved with live on-air reporting through a Worldwide Intruder Watch Network, which would operate by collecting on air reports (often live) and pooling the resources of radio amateurs checking into the network, eg by rotating beams from different countries, a good idea of the approximate location of an intruder can be determined and, with co-operation of net amateurs in the country concerned, the location narrowed down even further. A report then can contain the vital information leading to effective results — intruders generally do not like to be famous!

These efforts need co-ordinating in an efficient and organised manner, with net frequencies, co-ordinators, net control stations and region networks. Such a

network can assist all intruder watch monitoring systems in a more effective way than relying on the slow process of the postal system and the few dedicated amateurs sending in regular reports by mail. It is also much more fun to have a live net where fellow "intruder busters" can meet and share information and expertise, using R/D/F techniques, language skills and knowledge of propagation, unusual modes, as well as taking advantage of our wide geographical dispersal. A monthly bulletin could still be compiled and sent to subscribers listing monitored intruders.

If you are interested in joining this effort, either as a casual reporter, checking into the net, as a control station, or co-ordinator, or regular monitor, please contact ST2AA @ I5FLN.ITA.EU or call ST2AA on 14.068, giving: Call and Name; ngs/antennas; modes used; ways in which you can help; postal address; and/or BBS.

73 de Lou ST2AA.

It would seem that we in VK have a very good general set up, but these notes should be read with the desire to increase our number of observers in ALL STATES. The coming months are going to allow a greater number of intrusions to be heard. DON'T COMPLAIN to your pal overseas, SEND me your complaint, Freepost

Number 4, and get him/her to lodge a similar complaint in their country. It is your fault if you DO NOT ACT. NOW

Some Notes on Intrusions from Indonesia

From IARUMS notes of September 1994, an Indonesian broadcast station comes on air on 7098.7 MHz before 1000 UTC, no set time, often 0945 UTC at S 4 (on scale of 1 — 5). Some distortion, program is speech and "hit parade". Bearing from Brisbane of 305 to 310 degrees, ID as Island of Java.

Note that in 1988/89, 7098 MHz was assigned to Yogyakarta, Indonesia with low power of 10 kW, logs of those years gave reports of S3. The listing was 7.098 variable by 0.5 kHz. No ITU listing above this in 1994.

Most interference seems to be in the lower frequency bands at present.

PA7 is a 21 MHz intruder. Tfc is "Ministry of Foreign Affairs". The frequencies are 21.110, 21.114 or 21.220 MHz. Also to be found on this latter frequency is BR6, active with Tfc often at 0400 and 0600, but has moved frequency to either 21.114 or 21.110. I suspect this was due to amateur pressure. More amateurs should pile up on this frequency and squeeze BR6 off the air.

Moscow Naval Radio has claimed 14.171 MHz, ditto RIW on 21.255.5 MHz and UMS again on 21.284.1 MHz. French Military on 21.384.6 MHz (with ARQ mode). VRQ Hanoi and MNR UJUMS on 21.031.5 MHz. What are they playing at? These frequencies have been strenuously defended for as long as they have been infringed (I can go back about 28 years).

Frequency	Date	UTC	EMN	Details
3.578.3	23/02/94	0935	A3E	non AM B/C
3.6200	10/02/94	1200	A3J	B/C Indonesia, music
7.0000	12/02/94	1140	J3E/U	Indonesia TFC, Lima Kali etc
7.0050	07/11/93	1045	J3E/U	CB interference
7.0100	31/01/94	1210	J3E/U	3 way, Timor/Jakarta/Padang
7.0150	12/02/94	1140	J3E/U	2 way, m ops Jakarta
7.0500	03/03/94	1650	A3E	B/c stn, M F voices, Timor
14.030	22/02/94	1210	A3E	Indonesian lang, music.

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Education Notes

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In September I had the pleasure of attending the IARU Region 3 Conference in Singapore. I had not thought of attending until it was pointed out that there were a number of items on the agenda in which I would be very interested or to which I could contribute. A full report from Kevin Olds, the WIA delegate, has already been published, but I would like to elaborate on some of my special interests.

A major item was the proposal for international recognition of amateur licences to reduce the formalities required when amateurs wish to visit another country, or to change address permanently.

In Region 1 this is being done by way of the CEPT licence agreement. Countries which are signatories to this agreement accept the licences of all other such countries, so that reciprocal licences are not needed for visits. In addition, the European countries are investigating the possibilities of a "Harmonised" licence,

i.e. a licence syllabus which is mutually agreed so that licences issued by all countries are of equal standard.

In Region 2 the same result is achieved by an International Permit, similar to an international driving licence, which is accepted by all the countries which have joined the scheme.

The Conference agreed that Region 3 countries should seek international recognition for their licences, but gave no directions for further action. In Australia, the SMA is presently working towards the acceptance of our licences for CEPT accreditation. New Zealand has already been accepted into the scheme. It seems to me that there is room for both approaches, i.e. the agreement with the European countries and the development of the "harmonised licence" in the Pacific area. From what I have seen, the examination syllabuses in some neighbouring countries are very similar to ours although, of course, the depth may vary and I have not seen many overseas examination papers.

A lot of Conference time was spent discussing ways in which amateur radio could be encouraged in countries where amateurs are not presently active. In some there is actual prohibition of such activities, but in others there are perhaps a couple of amateurs who need help to gain recognition from their governments and to enable training and encouragement of new recruits. I will discuss some of the suggested strategies in a later column.

In addition, of course, the interchange and discussions which took place outside the Conference sessions were of great value. I found it very rewarding to meet with representatives of the RSGB and other societies and to hear how their examinations are structured, or the problems which beset them. Some problems seem to be common to many societies. We are very lucky in the good relationship which exists between the WIA and the SMA.

My main regret from the trip was that there was not enough time to talk to more of the delegates and observers. There was obviously a lot of information available which I could not collect in the time.

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An Old Timer Reflects....

Des Greenham VK3CO (SK) continues to look back over 50 years of amateur radio operation.

Is HF radio communication irrelevant today?

I wonder, after a recent experience. Our Rotary club was hosting a group from Brazil and one night one of the team asked me if I could take her to a "card" phone. I took her to the phone and I sat in the car waiting. She returned to the car in about seven minutes and told me she had called Brazil and ascertained a phone number in Japan, then called Japan and arranged her plans for a visit. All this in seven minutes and at a moderate cost!

This demonstrates modern technology and, in comparison to a Ham station calling CQ, makes us look quite primitive. This episode caused me to recall an experience in 1950 when communication overseas by phone was very limited and not readily available to the public. One day, on 15 metres, I heard a station in Hawaii calling "CQ Melbourne". As I was living in Melbourne at that time I answered the call. I was asked if I knew a place called "Springvale" and answered in the affirmative. He told me the story.

His commanding officer at the US Navy base on Oahu Island had arranged for his Australian wife and daughter to visit her parents who lived in Springvale. It was thought she had arrived but no message had been received from her and he was concerned for their safety. After receiving the address, my wife and I set off late at night to find the missing lady. We finally found the house in a remote part of Springvale and I will never forget the surprise on the lady's face when I announced that I had been speaking to her husband in Hawaii!

We arranged for Joan and her daughter to visit our home and speak with her husband. This went well and we had a regular "sked" each Sunday afternoon for the entire time of her visit here. This was 40 years ago and we kept in touch for many years until Joan's unfortunate death some 2 years ago.

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Over to You — Members' Opinions

All letters from members will be considered for publication, but should be less than 300 words. The WIA accepts no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents.

JOTA Went Well

Well, JOTA is over for another year I would like to thank various people in this year's event, where I assisted I am a recent amateur of only 12 months, and it was my first go at JOTA. The first time for everything is always different from what one expects.

Contrary to what I had heard about the organisation between the Scouts/Guides and amateur radio operators, I compliment the Tea Tree Gully Baden Powell Scout Group for the orderly conduct of the various groups of Scouts and Guides that were present over this JOTA weekend. Not only this but for the help given to me during the times I was "in the chair". My thanks go to Diane, Ivan (Skip), Bob, and to those behind the scenes. Special thanks to Trevor VK5ATQ for supplying, and allowing me to operate, his equipment. It's a pity not more amateurs assist in this event.

Hopefully I will be back next year with a full callsign and will try a little harder to bring in those elusive DX stations to JOTA.

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Wrong "Facts"

I refer to Amateur Radio, September 1994 and the letter sent in by Jack van Schaik VK3AAC. Regarding this letter, my thoughts are these:- Don't be sarcastic unless you know all your facts are correct.

VK3AAC should have known that in 1957 VK2ZAB could not have gained access to any HF band by passing CW at 5 wpm as no such exam existed then. Furthermore, VK2ZAB would not have had any further luck by passing a 10 wpm exam as the required CW speed at that time was 14 wpm. Not only this, but after three months from sitting the theory exam the entire test theory and CW may have had to be taken. This latter point could be open to doubt but the first two points have been documented.

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High School Help

Richard Jenkins VK1RJ, in the Federal QSP in the August issue of Amateur Radio, emphasised the need to help schools develop radio interests. Jim Beattie VK4WJB followed this up in Over to You in the October issue.

Since retiring to Leeton, NSW nearly three years ago, I have been endeavouring to assist with the formation of an Electronics Section in the Leeton High School. The young people there have responded in a very positive manner and several have expressed an interest in amateur radio.

With a vision of perhaps forming a Leeton Amateur Radio Group I have tried to encourage these young people but with a degree of difficulty in expanding that interest. Any ideas both practical and theoretical, or offers to sell material suitable to encourage further developments, would be highly appreciated.

Packet World

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Setting TNC Audio Levels

Your packet station will work most efficiently if your audio transmit and receive levels are set correctly. The best performance is found with an audio deviation of your FM signal of around 3 kHz. It is unfortunate that a large proportion of packet stations run well in excess of this figure! In the case of packet, LOUDER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER. A similar case also occurs with the receive audio from your radio speaker output to your TNC. Many people either set their receive audio level too low or too high. If it is too low, you will miss packets because the modem could not resolve them properly, and if it is too high you will miss packets due to the audio distorting in the modem.

In setting both transmit and receive audio levels in the absence of any test equipment, always set both controls to a minimum and then increase your receive level until you are copying packets on an active channel and then, while trying to connect, slowly increase your transmit audio level. Once you have connected, stop adjusting your levels as you are now in the ballpark.

Another problem with packet tones that you transmit and receive may be that the relative levels between the 1200 Hz and 2200 Hz tones are not the same. You will only notice this on a CRO, although it can have a marked effect on your receive error

I am not a teacher, being there only to assist, and depend on the good will of the staff. My own personal equipment was unfortunately relinquished when leaving New Zealand for Leeton.

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Northcote High School Re-unions

I would be pleased to hear from any VK members who were students at Northcote and District High School, Melbourne, between 1940 and 1950.

Northcote High Ex-Students Association have been actively engaged in class re-unions and information is required for our newsletters, etc.

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rate). This difference can be caused by the pre-emphasis and de-emphasis in your FM transmitter/receiver not being correct. Some experimentation with audio filters between the TNC and the radio can improve the situation.

Choosing RF Power Output Level and Antennas

One of the primary causes of performance degradation on any packet channel is HIDDEN TRANSMITTERS. If your station can't be heard by most, if not all, of the other packet stations on a channel, then you are going to suffer collisions. You should, where possible, use antennas and RF power that enable you to hear as many stations on the channel as possible, NOT JUST THE LOCAL BBS OR REPEATER. A good starting power is probably 10 to 25 watts, with a reasonable omnidirectional antenna that is clear of any local obstructions.

Country stations may have difficulty hearing many stations (in many cases it will be impossible) due to terrain or distance but, in the cities, you should be able to come close. To assist in hearing other stations, your choice of operating frequency should be made carefully. Operating frequency should be based on the channel with the closest BBS or Packet repeater. If everyone else in an area did the same then the distances between all operators on a channel is

likely to be reduced and hence the probability of everyone hearing everyone else is increased.

Setting Basic TNC Parameters

I will look at the various TNC parameters over coming issues. This issue I will start with the TXDELAY parameter.

TXDELAY — Transmitter Keyup Delay
This parameter tells your TNC how long it has to key up your transmitter before sending any data on the channel. The TXDELAY parameter needs to be set to a value longer than the time it takes your transmitter to turn on and start sending its RF. This time period can be governed by the lockup time of the radio's synthesiser, or the pull in time of a relay. It should also be as long as the slowest squelch on the channel (although most squelches appear to operate faster than most transmitters).

A good starting point is to set this to 250 milliseconds (check your TNC or modem software manual for any multiples used in the actual command — many TNCs will use a parameter of 25 to represent 250 ms). You should either increase or decrease this parameter as required. If you are having problems connecting (and you have already set your audio levels) you could try making this parameter fairly long (say 500 ms). Make sure you can connect to someone and then slowly reduce this in increments of 50 ms until you can no longer connect. Then increase it by 50 ms and leave this set. Be aware that the TNC's default value may not always be correct for your particular station.

That's an introduction on how to connect a packet station together. There are lots of tricks and tips that can be employed.

If you are having problems getting started you should try contacting your local radio club where you are likely to find other packet operators who can help you.

Software Available

There is a large variety of packet software available for the PC. If you are using a TNC then a good basic starters' program is "YAPP" written by WA7MBL. This offers basic terminal support as well as the ability to send and receive binary files using the YAPP protocol supported by most BBS stations.

Some other packages available, as either freeware or shareware, include PaKet6, LanLink, TPK, Graphic Packet, Super Packet, PTM and many others. Your final choice of software depends on the features you want. Even most telephone modem terminal programs can be used with packet TNCs. If you are looking for a good packet program (and more importantly help in configuring it) then contact your local radio club or a local packet operator in your area. They should be able to help you get started.

Conclusion

Next month I will look a little more at TNC parameters. I will also take a look at how a packet BBS station can be put together and, in particular, give an insight into the VK5TTY remote packet BBS in Adelaide.

If you have a question you think would be of interest to other packet operators as well, then why not send it in to the *Packet Doctor*, C/o WIA SA Div, GPO Box 1234, Adelaide SA 5001. Your answer might appear in future editions of "Amateur Packet World".

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WIA News

WIA Federal Budget

The October quarterly convention of the WIA Federal Council, held in Melbourne over 29-30th of the month, considered the 1995 budget in some depth.

Forecasting a further small decline in income from membership subscriptions, together with a fall in costs in some areas, the Council looked at the Federal Office operations and decided on a conservative approach, budgeting for economies in several critical areas. Overall expenditure was set at a level below the past years' figures.

However, an increase in SMA Liaison costs was budgeted to cover travel expenses expected following a separate Council decision to boost representation over the coming year. Costs for production of *Amateur Radio* magazine were maintained at forecast levels.

In an effort to economise on Federal Office computer system costs and to further streamline office operations, the computer system software and hardware is to be upgraded, commencing in January. Bill Wardrop VK5AWM, VK5 Federal Councillor, volunteered his services to assist in this process and is to spend some time in the Federal Office during January.

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Pounding Brass

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Integrated circuit technology has always fascinated me, especially the family range of IC chips the 8043, 8044, M, B, and ABM versions.

At one time or another in your amateur career you would have come across one of the abovementioned chips, and have probably replaced an older version 8043 with the newer 8044. I recently did this in my Yaesu 901DM transceiver. Or are you into home brewing an electronic keyer for personal use? These chips are symbolic to electronic Morse code reproduction where simplicity and speed are the major concerns to the operator.

Before we look at the family of IC chips, a little background history on the founder is called for. John G Curtis, founder of Curtis Electro Devices Inc was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania in 1930 and obtained his amateur call W3NSJ at the age of 17. John Curtis graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1952, obtaining a BS in Electrical Engineering. He joined and served with the US Navy from 1954 to 1959, during which time he was stationed in Yokosuka, Japan.

After his discharge from the navy as a Lieutenant he was employed by the Signetics Corporation, an integrated circuit manufacturer. In 1968 John founded Curtis Electro Devices, specialising in electronic keyers and Morse keyboards. His first electronic keyer was the EK-38. Sometime later the 8043 IC chip was introduced to the American market. This chip underwent a number of design changes over the years and at present we have the 8044ABM

Currently the company manufactures test equipment along with the ABM IC chip for the commercial market. Mr Curtis also holds the extra class call sign of K6KU.

Let us now focus our attention on the family range of integrated circuits. Starting with the 8043 and working our way through to the 8044 ABM Chips covered will include M, B and ABM versions of the 8044 IC chip.

8043 Version

The 8043 was first introduced in 1973 and was the first integrated circuit designed specifically to perform the electronic Morse keyer function. Utilising CMOS metal Gate technology using FET switching for noise immunity and low power consumption, it was then "state of the art" electronics.

The IC included a clock oscillator, debouncing circuitry for the key paddles,

logic to produce dashes and iambic mode (alternating dots and dashes when both paddles are held together), sidetone oscillator, weighting circuitry (to lengthen dots or dashes) and, finally, an output stage capable of driving the NPN Keying Transistor. Under operating conditions, 90% of the power consumed is used for driving the sidetone and output transistor.

8044 Version

Around 1975 an improved version of the 8043 was introduced to the market and its designation was changed to 8044. It included two major improvements. Firstly, it did not require a symmetry adjustment to equalise the length of dots and spaces, and it added dash memory for the true iambic operation (dashes could now be inserted reliably). Secondly, the clock oscillator was re-designed as the 8044 required a clock capacitor of one half the value used in the 3043 chip. The 1 megohm symmetry trimmer necessary for the 8043 could (and should be removed).

M Version

In 1980 the M version of the 8044 was introduced. These versions consisted of a speed indicating function to the circuit. The 8044 and 8044M were kept reasonably compatible by adding the required two new pins to the end of the package. This allowed the M version to sit in a socket designed for the plain 8044 just by allowing two pins on one end to overhang the socket. A 50 μ A analog meter is used with the speed readout (Pin 12 of the IC). I will go into greater detail in part two.

B Version

Two years later it became apparent there had developed two types of iambic keyer circuits (squeeze) keying. Type A already existed in the earlier ICs and the new type was designated type B. Basically, type B iambic is where a squeeze released during an element, say a dot or a dash will cause another alternate element to follow the one being produced. Confused? Say you want to make the letter "C". You release during the second dash (or the space following) and the last dit will automatically transmit. Presumably, this further reduces the effort to produce some letters. This chip was designated 8044B.

ABM Version

1986 saw the production of the new 8044ABM chip, a product of the latest design and processing technology available in the integrated circuit industry. This 20 pin IC rolled all the characteristics of the earlier models into a single IC package. I should bring to your attention that the 8044ABM is not pin compatible with the earlier designs. It does have

switchable type A and B iambic, switchable negative or positive weighting, and an output for an analog speed meter as mentioned earlier. Capable of A or B iambic and Meter ready, we use the suffix "ABM" (see Fig 1 for pin connections).

The 8044ABM incorporates filters which eliminate the effects of key bounce on both make and break. Another invisible quality is RF immunity, to prevent false triggering by RF on the paddle leads. The dots and dashes inputs are equipped with active pull up resistors which exhibit only few hundred ohms impedance to the power supply when the key is opened.



Fig 1.

Electrical Specifications

Supply Voltage	4 V DC — 12 V DC max 5-9 V DC recommended
Quiescent Current	Less than 50 μ A at 5 V DC
Operating Current	10-30 mA keydown
Speed Range	Unlimited using external R & C
Dot-Space-Dash Ratio	6-50 wpm
Weight Control	1: 1.3 standard, A or B iambic.
Sidetone Oscillator	Internal using external R & C.
Package	20 pin DIP

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Next month we continue with the 8044ABM, having a closer look at its operating features. Until then I wish all readers of this column a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year

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VE9AL

No Pope in history has travelled so extensively as Pope John Paul II. The papal visit has been celebrated in several countries by the special issue of a QSL card to mark the occasion. Norway (special prefix LE&JP), XX3JP (Madeira Is), 6DAPAX (Mexico), VI3PVA and HG52JP (Hungary), to name just a few. Poland, the birthplace of the present Pope, has marked his visits with QSLs of various prefixes. The card (with its special suffix as well as prefix), celebrated the papal visit to Poland in 1983. Card was donated by Radio Austria International.

VK4FFG

This is a QSL of the club station of the Australian Naval Amateur Radio Society in Brisbane. It shows some of Australia's guided missile frigates (FFGs) namely the HMAS Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney and Darwin. Hence the significance of the FFG suffix in the call-sign. Club members feature some other Australian warships on their individual cards, including HMAS Vendetta, Australian destroyer HMAS Arunta and the frigate HMAS Barwon. Card donated by Terry VK2ALG, Hon Sec of the ANARS.

VE9AL

Very few amateurs will have ever seen a Canadian QSL with the prefix VE9. This QST the station VE9CNE was featured as pre-war portable call-sign of station VE3AL. In the December 1935 issue of QST the station VE9CNE was featured as a special station set up for the Canadian National Exhibition of August and September 1935 at Toronto. Recently Canada has issued other prefixes with the nine numeral but they have been authorised for special events only, e.g. VY90R (Hamfest 1993), CG8ASJ (200th anniversary of the city of Saint John in New Brunswick), and VY9CC (20 years of communication). Card donated from Estate of A B Leonard of Drouin.

CF25A

The call-sign CF25A is yet another uncommon one from Canada. It was a special call commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Canadian flag. The station was operated by the Maple Leaf Radio Society president VE3XN during February and April 1990. Card donated by Jim, operating as AS1JS from Bhutan on his 1990 DXpedition.

A-3AL

This was the pre-war call-sign of one of Australia's radio pioneers, Vernon Kerr. He spent over forty years as a technical officer with the Royal Flying Doctor Service operating out of such outback towns as Cloncurry, Charters Towers and Charleville. A member of the WIA, he was honoured with a life membership of that Institute. Further details can be found in the publication *Halcyon Days* by Alan Shawsmith VK4SS. Vernon went on the air in 1926 using the call A-3AL just a year before Australia started using its OA prefix (to be replaced by VK in 1929).

CQDVY

This particularly attractive multi-coloured QSL card from Portugal celebrated the country's presidency of the European Economic Community. It shows the flags of both Portugal and the EEC. The prefix CQ zero is a relatively new one for Portugal (CT was used exclusively for many years). Things changed in 1983 when the prefixes CQ, CR, CS and CU were issued. The CQ zero prefix is reserved for the celebration of special occasions. Card donated by Roth VK3BG.

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VK4FFG



CF25A was the special call commemorated by the Canadian Radio Society for the Canadian Radio Society's 25th Anniversary. Maple Leaf Radio Society president Jim, VE3XN, operated the station from February 13 - April 15, 1990 to make 10790 QSO's in 215 countries. Thank you for being a part of Canadian history.

I obtained several 7815 regulator chips and measured their output voltages. Unfortunately, there was a surprising variation of as much as half a volt. However regulators from the same manufactured batch were within 100 mV of each other. If you can purchase regulators from the same manufacturer and the same batch, the power supply I came up with may be for you. Measure each regulator to be sure that they are all within 100 mV of each other.

Starting with a 7815 chip, the 15 volt output is dropped by 0.6 of a volt in the 1 amp diode, and with a 0.56 ohm resistor in series to help balance the current distribution between regulator chips, a 12 amp regulated supply was constructed that float charges a battery to 13.8 volts.

Note the large smoothing capacitor of 100,000 μ F. This may be on the high side but, as I had one, it was used. However,

with such a large capacitor the bridge rectifier may not like the large switch-on current surge so the 6.8 ohm resistor charges the capacitor until the relay R1 operates and shorts out the resistor. I found the relay would not operate unless there was a capacitor at the output of the bridge, hence the 5000 μ F.

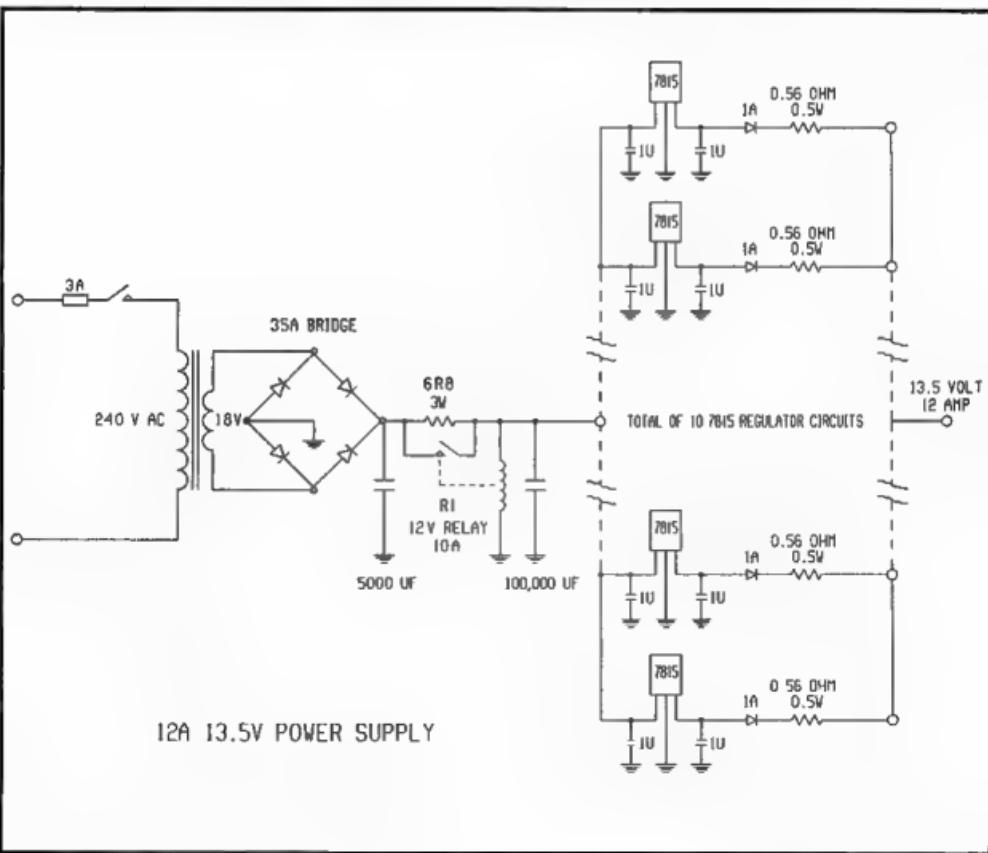
When calculating the size of the smoothing capacitor required in a power supply, there is a simple rule. For every amp drawn from a 10,000 μ F capacitor there is 1 volt of ripple. If you double the capacitor to 20,000 μ F, then 1 amp will result in half a volt of ripple. With the 100,000 μ F capacitor shown, and the supply providing 12 amps, the ripple voltage will be 1.2 volts. The 7815 regulator requires a minimal 2 volt differential between input to output to regulate. For the 7815 the input voltage must not drop below 17 volts at the bottom

of the ripple if it does the output will contain 100 Hz hum. This may or may not be a problem when floating a battery but it is best avoided. Even a small amount of hum across a battery supply at a repeater site can find its way into equipment.

The 7815 chips require heat sinking and this is made easier as no insulation is required between the mounting surface and earth. Note the 1 μ F capacitors on each input and output of the 7815s. Without these capacitors the 7815 may become unstable.

I could go on with further thoughts on the power supply but I already have used a large slice of Amateur Radio. If you have any queries on the power supply, or decide to use the idea, I can be contacted as shown below.

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Spotlight on SWLing

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1994 is rapidly coming to a conclusion. Over these past twelve months we have had severe reception difficulties mainly because of the low sunspot count. The higher frequencies above 15 MHz were virtually unusable, whilst propagation on the lower frequencies was marginal to fair quite often. Although, as I'm writing this, the higher frequencies are exhibiting some activity around 1100 UTC, but this is rather temporary, I feel.

Many international broadcasters have had budgetary cutbacks, affecting programming and/or transmission output. Radio Moscow International has increasingly begun cutbacks to the extent that they are now using only 38 languages compared to about 60 at the height of the Cold War. Also, the English World Service has also reduced their transmitting output. I have noted several e-mail messages on the Shortwave Echo complaining of the difficulty in finding Moscow, especially in North America.

Some stations have disappeared from the spectrum altogether. Radio KGEI in San Francisco closed down in the middle of the year. This religious broadcaster mainly beamed into Latin America in Spanish. Another religious broadcaster, WCSN in Maine, ceased operating in October as part of the "Christian Science Monitor" network. The sender was sold about a year back to a Florida based Adventist group which is not connected to Adventist World Radio. A callsign change was mooted but I haven't heard the station since the new owners took full possession. The popular "Swiss Shortwave Merry-go-round" DX show on SRI with the two Bobs, Messrs Zanotti and Thomann, also was axed in June. There was an e-mail outcry about Swiss Radio International over this, trying to have the program re-introduced.

Despite the budgetary gloom, some broadcasters actually increased their output and influence. Radio France International is reportedly increasing the number of languages aired and is investing in additional transmitting sites in Thailand and in Africa. They have recently completed the upgrade of their French sites. The other growth area, particularly in the US, seems to be the increasing number of private religious broadcasters. To get a clear channel, many of these stations are operating well outside the normal broadcasting allocations. This has caused some interference to other spectrum users who are legitimately allocated these

frequencies by their administrations. Diplomatic protests to the American FCC have had limited success. WEWN and WSHB were forced to move off some 5 MHz channels following SMA protests that they were interfering with our RFDS communications network. Despite this, WWCR has now appeared on 5065 kHz up until 0600 UTC, and again from 1200 UTC, with "Brother Stare". The frequency choice hasn't gone down well with tropical band DXers, either.

And while I am on tropical band DXing, I recently heard a new country between 2045 and 2107 UTC. Nairobi was logged on 4935 kHz with American country & western music followed by a time check indicating it was midnight locally. Before signing off, news headlines in English were heard, followed by a Christian religious devotional. However, I found the pronunciation impossible to follow as the signal rapidly faded.

I also note that the General Overseas Service of All India Radio in Delhi, directed to Oceania, is being heard quite well now at 1050 UTC on 15180 kHz. For many years it has been rather difficult to hear AIR at this time but they have upgraded their facilities and installed new additional senders near Goa and Bangalore. Their modulation has vastly improved. Other frequencies used at this time are 15050 and 17387 kHz. Radio Pakistan in Karachi, on the other hand, are on 7085 kHz variable in local languages and English from 1030 UTC, yet their modulation is horrible as is their frequency stability. Naturally, they are in the exclusive amateur allocation but it may be a transmitter spur from 7310 kHz which is in parallel, yet Karachi has had a registration on 7085 with the ITU for some time.

Don't forget that around the Christmas New Year period, several special broadcasts are planned. The "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" will again be on Christmas Day at around 0935 on the BBC World Service. One of my Tasmanian cousins was privileged several years back to attend this live. She confirmed that it indeed is pre-recorded about a week prior to Christmas in King's College Chapel in Cambridge. Midnight Mass from St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is also available on shortwave. However, I find that the relay via WEWN is better than direct from Vatican Radio.

Don't forget that on 5 January, the Orthodox Christmas is celebrated. This is due to the Orthodox communion still

being on the Julian calendar, while the majority of western churches are on the Gregorian calendar.

Also, don't forget the major ocean yacht races after Boxing Day. Not only do the Sydney-Hobart and Melbourne-Hobart races conduct their communications on HF, but also races between Queenscliff and Devonport plus Sydney to Coffs Harbour and Southport (QLD), are staged over the same period. It is a very hectic time on the channels of 4483, 2524, 2182 and 8711 kHz. The calling channel is either 4125 or 2182 kHz. All use USB.

In conclusion, may I extend my wishes for Christmas and hope that 1995 will bring in more peace and stability than we have had over this past 12 months. If you have any news, don't forget my e-mail address or Packet BBS is there. Take care and good monitoring!

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Update

Beam Antennas With Bent Elements — Part 2

The author of this two part article, John Sproule VK2AGT, has advised us that there was a minor error in a statement two thirds of the way down column two on page four of the September Issue of Amateur Radio.

The statement if $\theta_{12} < 45^\circ$, then $\cos 2\theta_{12}$ is positive and therefore $R1 = R11$. This is for a Yagi. Should read if $\theta_{12} < 45^\circ$, then $\cos 2\theta_{12}$ is positive and therefore $R1 < R11$. This so for a Yagi

It might be a good idea to correct your copy of the September 1994 issue of Amateur Radio now.

WIA News

World Radio Sport Championship

Just in case you were thinking of joining in the fastest growing aspect of this hobby around the world — amateur radio direction finding (ARDF) — the deadline for teams entering the 1995 World Radiosport Team Championships has been extended to 28 February, 1995. The event will be held in Washington, DC, in the United States (see October WIA News).

VHF/UHF — An Expanding World

Eric Jamieson VK5LP*

All times are UTC

I hope last month's columns were not too much of a culture shock but at least you now know a little more about what makes me tick! It was unfortunate that space restrictions meant many interesting snippets of amateur radio activity, particularly during the AM days and portable operation, had to be omitted. However, my notes only make a portion of an interesting magazine and as such I am fortunate to be allowed the space that is available each month.

Australian News

John VK3ATQ sent a fax to say that between 2115 and 2130 weekdays there is activity on 50.115 MHz. John and Rupert VK3BQN are both in Melbourne and have regular contacts with David VK3SDY at Maffra, Lloyd VK3KFO at Briagalong, and John VK3BQS at Sale. As the latter three have their beams pointing west John suggests stations in VK5 may hear them. The short time slot is necessary due to work commitments but they would welcome other contacts particularly from country stations.

From Port Pirie, Neil VK5ZEE sent me a packet message via Garry VK5ZK to the effect that recently he re-activated his callsign and is now active on 50, 144 and 432 MHz chasing SSB contacts. He is attempting to start a nightly net on 144.125 at 0945 and 432.125 at 1015. Contacts so far have been to VK5BWG at Port Augusta and VK5KK in Adelaide and others would be welcome. The Adelaide two metre beacon is a fairly constant S3 but the 432 beacon has not been heard.

Neil runs 10 watts on six to a 5 element beam, on two an output of 80 watts to a 13 element horizontally polarised antenna, also a 20 element crossed Yagi fitted with an elevation rotator for satellite use. On 432 he has 35 watts to two 27 element horizontal KLMs and an 11 element vertically polarised antenna. His aim is to eventually erect 4 x 13 elements for two metres EME contacts.

In the October issue of *Amateur Radio* my columns included a copy of Steve Gregory's (VK3OT) ARRL DX Century Club Award for six metres, the only one issued to an Australian amateur. In addition I have received copies of two additional certificates awarded to Steve; they are from the UK Six Metre Group, the first for working 100 countries on 50 MHz and the second the Worked All Europe Award for contacts with 20 European

countries on 50 MHz all by using CW. Good work Steve.

Mark VK5AVQ ex-VK0AQ, advises that he has checked the VK5VF beacons and found six metres was OK, the two metre beacon frequency was corrected as it had drifted slightly. The 70 cm beacon antenna was broken so temporary repairs were affected but the high SWR may have damaged the unit so it will need an overhaul. The 1296 beacon is still absent.

Mark has lumbered himself with the job of rebuilding the 70 cm repeater again (I) after which he plans to construct 10 GHz equipment for his own use. Sandwiched somewhere will be time to re-erect his six metre antenna in readiness for the Es season.

A note from Steve VK5AIM drew my attention to a paragraph in the VK5 Journal in the August issue of *Amateur Radio* which announced that Adelaide's first six metre repeater is being tested. When ready the South Coast Radio Club will install the FM repeater on Chandlers Hill. Transmit frequency is 53.750 and receive 52.750 MHz. I hope to be advised

when the repeater is fully operational so that readers throughout Australia will know of its existence.

Steve also sent information from *Radio Communication* for June 1994 indicating that Rex VK8RH has built a beacon to be operated from Jakarta in Indonesia on 50.042 MHz with the callsign YBOZZ. No other details are available.

Contents

The Ross Hull Memorial VHF-UHF Contest commences at 0000 Monday 26 December 1994 to 2400 Saturday 28 January 1995 and all bands above 30 MHz may be used. Single operator only and one contact per station per band per UTC day. RS or RST numbers plus a three-digit serial number to be exchanged plus location or Maidenhead locator of station worked — this to allow for the computing of distances.

Logs must be received by Monday 20 February 1995 and should be posted to: WIA Ross Hull Contest Manager, PO Box 2175, Caulfield Junction, VIC 3161.

The above is a very brief outline of the contest mainly to draw your attention to it. Full details were published on page 34 of last month's issue of *Amateur Radio*. The Contest Manager makes the usual request that DX calling frequencies should be kept clear as much as possible.



From left: Geoff GJ4ICD/JY8IC, Mohammad JY4MB, Nick G3OKX/JY8OX, HRH Prince Raad JY2RZ and Neil GOJHC/JY8JH in the JY7SIX shack housed in the Marriott Hotel, Amman, Jordan.

Print courtesy of GJ4ICD

The 1995 VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on 14/15 January 1995 and will run in parallel with the Ross Hull Contest with rules much the same as previous years (see the Contests column in this issue of *Amateur Radio*)

Doug VK4OE telephoned to say he would be operating in the Field Day Contest from a suitable site near Dorrigo in northern NSW on all bands from six metres to 2304 MHz. Given reasonable conditions he expects contacts to Sydney and Brisbane on 144 and 432 SSB to be relatively easy and special attention will be given to 1296 MHz. If conditions and circumstances permit he will try 2304 MHz with anyone so equipped.

He will be calling and listening on 144.100, 432.100 and 1296.100 and will shift up 15 kHz on each band for any sustained operating. On 50 MHz the frequency will depend on band conditions and there should be no problems with Es contacts. If Doug cannot be reached on 144 or 432 then you might try telephoning him on 018 191 066 while out in the field!

Overseas News

From the same publication is a Locator Squares Table which shows G3IMV at the top with 1139 squares comprising 434 on 50 MHz, 15 on 70, 513 on 144, 125 on 430 and 52 on 1.3 GHz. He is closely followed by Geoff GJ4ICD with 611 on 50, 1 on 70, 264 on 144, 121 on 430 and 68 on 1.3, for a total of 1085 squares. In addition there are 15 operators with scores above 500 squares. All this indicates what can be done when you live in a region with a high

density of amateur radio operators spread over a large area.

In a letter from Neil G0JHC received in June I missed an interesting point. He said that the day after returning from a stint at operating JY7SIX, the Jordanian DXpedition station, he managed to work the station. He mentioned the station has been heard several times over the 4000 km distance. The Jordanian beacon is JY6ZZ and operates on 50.075 MHz. It was built and donated by Lawrence GJ3RAX and Geoff GJ4ICD.

But then Neil writes that on 10/6 JY7SIX worked into North America on multi Es at over 10,000 km! That's a long haul for Es with at least four hops involved and this is rare indeed. I will try and obtain more details of the contact/s and report later. Also, see photograph.

Ted Collins G4UPS reports that Leif Johansen LA9ZV, became a Silent Key on 30/8 as the result of a heart attack at the age of 49 years. Many stations in Australia would have worked Leif on six metres. Also, George Heeringa PA0FM became a Silent Key on 19/8 at the age of 73 years. George will be remembered also for his operation on six metres as P43FM.

Ted also provides an interesting comment on the state of six metres in the UK. *Has it been a good or bad season? Although there have been very few openings across "the pond", from here in Devon I have worked/heard 65 countries since 1 January 1994 up to 15 August. Several countries like ZD8 are included as heard because only the beacon is operational. I guess newcomers will feel*

very pleased to have more than 60 countries worked in such a short space of time! Indeed .VK5LP

From the USA

Emil Pocock W3EP in his World Above 50 MHz in QST for October 1994 has the news for which I have been waiting. That concerns the monumental contacts which occurred from 11 to 14 July 1994 when so many bands opened from USA to Hawaii, in the process setting two world records. I had known for some time that the spanning of that path had occurred but was lacking details. Let Emil tell you about the interesting occurrence.

The reliable transpacific duct outside itself this season, replacing sporadic-E doings as the lead story for July. Jack Henry N6XQ called the session "the grandaddy of all 2 metre Hawaii openings". Not only did stations from Oregon to Mexico make contact with the islands on two metres, but the first 2304 MHz Hawaii-to-California QSO was completed and the 902 MHz record extended. Excited stations on both ends of the path made hundreds of contacts on 144 through 1296 MHz, many of them on FM and through FM repeaters.

As usual, the KH6HME beacons atop Mauna Loa, Hawaii (BK29go) gave California the first inklings that the duct had formed across 4000 km of Pacific Ocean. N6XQ (DM12) in San Diego heard the two metre beacon weakly on July 3 and 5 and it was loud enough on the 9th to alert the Hawaiians. N6XQ and KH6FOO made a contact soon after. By the 11th Jack heard the Hawaiian beacon at 20 dB over S9 as Paul Lieb, KH6HME himself, arrived on top of the mountain around 2000Z to begin a hectic two days of operating.

Stations all along the West Coast were waiting and when Paul made his first call on 144.170 MHz he was swamped with frantic S9 mainland stations and the pile-up remained throughout the day and into the next. By the time the opening died out on the 13th, Paul had filled 16 pages of log, including 148 QSOs on 144 MHz, 6 on 222 MHz, 29 on 432 MHz and 3 on 1296 MHz. Paul made only one contact each on 902 and 2304 MHz but both were record-breakers.

N6XQ and KH6HME finally made it on July 13 at 2240Z to extend the transpacific 902 MHz tropo record to 4080 km. Paul's 12 W signal from a short loop Yagi was 529 in California, while Jack's 15 W to a 22 element Yagi was received 519 on the big island.

In the midst of all the excitement on the lower bands, Chip Angle N6CA set up his microwave equipment at the Palos Verdes City Hall near Los Angeles and at 2321Z

WIA News

Voice Repeater for MIR Space Station

An upgrade planned for the Russian MIR space station, a popular platform for amateur radio in space activities, should see a 2 m to 70 cm FM voice repeater operational within the next two years, according to a report from 12th Annual Meeting and Space Symposium of the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT-NA). Held in Florida, USA, in early October, the symposium marked the 25th anniversary of AMSAT.

Other developments outlined at the Florida meeting covered progress on planning for the "Phase 3D" satellite. Due for

launch in mid-1996, Phase 3D will be the largest, and most complex amateur satellite ever assembled.

Among the array of ground-to-satellite (uplink) channels planned is one in the 21 MHz (15 m) HF band. Others will be in the various VHF, UHF and microwave bands. Assembly of the Phase 3D satellite is proceeding on schedule, it was reported. It will be about 2.1 metres in diameter. Meanwhile, it seems the popular OSCAR 13, on which many amateurs "cut their teeth" in amateur space communications, is fated for a fiery death in early December when it is scheduled to re-enter the atmosphere. Thanks to the ARRL Newsletter for details.

on July 11 Chip made a 2304 MHz contact with KH6HME for the first Hawaii-to-California contact on that band. The distance was 3979 km. Both stations ran 12 W to 4 foot dishes. Signal reports were 559 both ways.

Unusually strong signals gave some hope that contact could be made on 5760 MHz and 10 GHz as well, but these efforts were not successful with a number of stations spending many hours trying to span the Pacific on 10 GHz, despite the booming signal on 1298 MHz. The wide coverage of the opening was remarkable. Several other Hawaiian stations participated with 144 and 432 SSB/CW gear. KH6HME also worked XE2EED (DM12) in Tijuana, Mexico. The opening extended as far inland as Reno, Nevada.

Hundreds of contacts were also made on two metre FM, both direct and through Hawaiian repeaters, most notably the 147040 machine on Mauna Loe. Many mobile and even hand-held stations spanned the 4000 km to Hawaii.

KH6HME also made the first successful ATV transmission from Hawaii to California on 440 MHz using 100 watts with the

signal peaking to P4 (nearly snow-free). Paul's equipment was not configured for reception so an ATV two-way could not be made at that time.

Bruce KK6TG, one of those who tried to make the grade on 10 GHz, went up and down the mountains on July 12 and 13 in the Bay area making measurements of signal levels from Hawaii. He found that signal strength rose gradually from sea level to 600 feet and then held constant until about 3500 feet. Bruce saw an extremely sharp inversion boundary, visible as a layer of dark smog, cutting through distant Mount Diablo at about 3800 feet. At 4300 feet he could not hear KH6HME at all. This suggests that the responsible inversion lay just over 3500 feet (1100 metres) altitude in the Bay area, entirely consistent with observations of similar transpacific ducts.

Well, that 2304 MHz contact puts paid to the record held by Reg VK5QR and Wally VK6WG since 17 February 1978 at 1883 km and dashed my hopes of extending the distance to 2000 km by working VK6WG from Menangle. I think the only world record we still hold is the 144 MHz contact on 15 April 1991

between VK4BFO and JI7DMB at a distance of 6763 km but I am open to correction.

Closure

There is little else to report other than to say that if normal circumstances prevail then Es should be excellent particularly during late November through to early January. Be mindful of two metre contacts when Es conditions are at their best.

Thank you to those who have supported this column during the year by forwarding information. Best wishes to everyone for a happy Christmas and may the New Year be as you would like it.

Closing with two thoughts for the month:

- 1 Success is being able to hire someone to mow the lawn while you play golf for exercise, and
2. The pain in the neck you complain about may be the result of looking backwards.

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Technical Correspondence

All technical correspondence from members will be considered for publication, but should be less than 300 words.

Interfering Telephone

I have recently suffered from interference to reception on 80 metres which was caused by a neighbour's cordless telephone when hung up! The phone in question was a Telephone Tech CT630.

The interference took the form of a mixture of local broadcast stations appearing at spots around 3.5 MHz, the loudest being on 3447 kHz at S9. There were other signals spaced every 9 kHz.

My station is only 5 km from the local AM broadcast transmitters and the telephone lines are overhead. Apparently the phone line was picking up the broadcast stations and the phone mixing them. The interference was not audible at a friend's house about 300 metres away.

I tried installing an Amidon FT-140-77 ferrite core with 21 bifilar turns as a common mode choke and reduced the interference from S9 to S4. A pair of 2.5 mH RF chokes in series with the line removed the interference completely.

However, the solution finally adopted was for me to repair the plug pack used

with my neighbour's previously defunct phone and restore it to service. The offending phone was returned to K Mart for a full refund.

I was unable to contact the manufacturers of the phone, their only contact information being a telephone

number, now disconnected. Also, I was unable to find a supplier of approved RF filters for use with telephones.

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Silent Keys

Due to space demands obituaries should be no longer than 200 words.

The WIA regrets to announce the recent passing of:-

J G (Geoff)	MYERS	VK2UA
J L C	HART	VK3BJY
T N	BROWNLOW	VK5NAF
V D (Doug)	HUMBLE	VK6NDJ
H J (Harold)	BRACKEN	VK7BR
R (Rick)	BRAY	VK7ZZ

John Geoffrey Myers VK2UA

We regret to announce the passing in early October of John Geoffrey Myers VK2UA. First licensed in 1938 as 2IY, Geoff was a founding member of the Manly-Warringah Club (now the Manly-Warringah Radio Society, of which he was a life member).

Born at Neutral Bay, Sydney, in 1913, Geoff was the first President of the Zero Beat Club and a member of the Harrington's Radio Club. He served with the Australian Armed Forces from 1939 to 1945 as Captain, and later company Commander, with the 4th Division Signals in New Guinea.

After a break of some years, Geoff was re-licensed as VK2UA in 1978 and maintained a keen interest in amateur radio until his passing at age 81. Geoff will be greatly missed by his family and many friends in amateur radio.

Richard Murnane VK2SKY, on behalf of the Manly-Warringah Radio Society

BT

What's New

Bob Tait VK3UI* introduces new products of interest to radio amateurs

New Low Pass Filters from Tucker

Tucker T-100 1500 Watt Low Pass Filter



Every radio shack should have a low pass filter to insure against problems of TVI from harmonics. The new Tucker T-100 utilises a 9 pole Chebyshev design with a cut-off frequency of 35 MHz. Attenuation at 40 MHz is -70 dB and -60 dB at 65 MHz worst case. The insertion loss is 0.25 dB at 30 MHz with an SWR of less than 1.5:1 and an impedance of 52 ohms. This unit is rated at 1500 watts continuous, and comes with a 1 year warranty. Not bad for \$US49.95

Tucker T-150 2500 Watt Low Pass Filter



Tucker claim that this is the first 2500 watt low pass filter on the amateur market which is designed to work with high power linear amplifiers. The specifications are the same as its smaller brother but with a higher power rating. The price for this unit is \$US109.00

Both units are available direct from Tucker Electronics and Computers, PO Box 551419, Dallas TX 75355-1419, USA; Fax 214 348 0367

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the WIA Federal
Office of your new
Callsign? Use the
form on the
reverse side of the
Amateur Radio
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Now Hear This! An Audio Booster for your Handheld.



Marvel Electronics Inc have released the HTS-2 audio booster for your handheld transceiver. It comes complete with an internal battery supply and charger unit. A special battery saver circuit shuts off the audio, reducing the battery drain to 1 milliamp, whenever your handheld is squelched for more than 10 seconds. The amp turns on again the instant the squelch opens to produce 1.4 watts into a 3.5 inch oval speaker. A small LED indicates battery saver mode.

A DC power jack and voltage regulator allow you to operate the HTS-2 from external voltage sources (5-15 VDC), or from a standard wall pack. The internal batteries are charged from the external power source. The HTS-2 can accept either + or - ground inputs, so there are no problems about getting it wrong. The unit also has bypass mode and comes complete with 1.5 metres of audio cable. Check these specifications:-

Frequency range	200 — 15,000 Hz.
Input impedance	Variable (100 Ω nominal)
Maximum input	400 mV
Output power	1.4 watts at 4 Ω
Size	69.8 mm x 114.3 mm x 63.5 mm
Weight	2.2 kg
Colour	Silver/Grey

The HTS-2 is available from ZRV Electronics Pty Ltd, PO Box 469, Eltham VIC 3095. Ph (03) 439 3389 or Fax (03) 439 2483 for further details.

NIR-10 Digital Noise and Interference Reduction Unit.



The NIR-10 is designed to connect to the audio output jack of your receiver/transceiver to enhance the received audio quality of voice and CW signals. Using advanced Digital Signal Processing Techniques (DSP) the unit is able to recognise SSB signals and improve the signal to noise ratio.

Unlike conventional audio bandpass filters, the NIR-10 can actually remove those annoying noises and heterodynes without affecting the speech itself.

There are 4 modes of operation: NIR to reduce or eliminate, heterodynes, white noise, ignition noise, RTTY interference and power line noise; PK (peak) function to reduce white noise (this can be used alone or in conjunction with the NIR mode);

NF (notch filter) mode, which removes multiple heterodynes and acts in 3 microseconds, and

BP (bandpass) mode — the centre frequency is continuously adjustable, it provides selectable bandwidth, extremely steep skirts, and greater than 60 dB rejection.

A Bypass mode removes all processing delay, but allows the Peak and Notch functions to be used in real time. Connections on the rear panel allow the unit to be bypassed whenever the transmitter is keyed. The NIR-10 is powered from a standard 12 volt DC supply and consumes 1 amp peak. A volume control mounted on the front panel adjusts the output level of the built-in audio amplifier and the output is 2 watts into a 3.2 Ω load. A convenient phone jack is also provided.

For further information contact, ZRV Electronics Pty Ltd, PO Box 469, Eltham VIC 3095. Ph (03) 439 3389 or Fax (03) 439 2483.

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HF PREDICTIONS

Evan Jarman VK3ANI

The Tables Explained

The tables provide estimates of signal strength for each hour of the UTC day for five of the bands between 7 and 28 MHz. The UTC hour is the first column, the second column lists the predicted MUF (maximum useable frequency); the third column the signal strength in dB relative to 1 μ V (dBu) at the MUF, the fourth column lists the "frequency of optimum travail" (FOT), or the optimum working frequency as it is more generally known.

The signal strengths are all shown in dB relative to a reference of 1 μ V in 50 Ohms at the receiver antenna input. The table below relates these figures to the amateur S-point "standard" where S9 is 50 μ V at the receiver's input and the S-meter scale is 6 dB per S-point.

V in 50 ohms	S-points	dB(μ V)
50.00	S9	34
25.00	S8	28
12.50	S7	22
6.25	S6	16
3.12	S5	10
1.56	S4	4

0.78	S3	2
0.39	S2	-8
0.20	S1	-14

The tables are generated by the GRAPH-DX program from FT Promotions, assuming 100 W transmitter power output, modest beam antennas (eg three element Yagi or cubical quad) and a short-term forecast of the sunspot number. Actual solar and geomagnetic activity will affect results observed.

The three regions cover stations within the following areas:

VK EAST The major part of NSW and Queensland.

VK SOUTH Southern-NSW, VK3, VK5 and VK7

VK WEST The south-west of Western Australia.

Likewise, the overseas terminals cover substantial regions (eg "Europe") covers most of Western Europe and the UK).

The sunspot number used in these calculations is 22.0. The predicted value for January is 20.7.

VK SOUTH — SOUTH PACIFIC

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7	14	21	28	1	8	15	22	29
1 17.8	18	14.4	-9	23	18	11	1	2	11	1	1	1
2 18.1	19	14.9	-8	23	19	12	1	2	12	1	1	1
3 18.4	19	14.9	-8	24	20	12	1	2	12	1	1	1
4 18.7	20	14.9	-8	20	13	10	1	2	13	1	1	1
5 19.0	21	14.7	6	27	21	13	1	2	13	1	1	1
6 17.9	23	14.6	16	30	22	14	1	2	14	1	1	1
7 18.1	25	14.7	31	34	25	16	1	2	16	1	1	1
8 17.9	27	14.5	45	37	26	15	1	2	15	1	1	1
9 17.4	29	14.3	50	37	25	13	1	2	13	1	1	1
10 16.8	29	13.8	52	37	25	13	1	2	13	1	1	1
11 16.2	30	13.0	53	36	23	10	1	2	10	1	1	1
12 15.5	30	12.4	53	35	20	7	1	2	7	1	1	1
13 15.0	31	11.9	53	34	18	4	1	2	4	-15	1	1
14 14.4	30	11.2	52	31	14	1	1	2	4	-9	1	1
15 13.3	31	10.2	51	27	13	1	1	2	3	-18	1	1
16 12.7	33	9.4	50	24	5	-16	1	2	5	-16	1	1
17 12.3	33	9.4	50	24	5	-16	1	2	5	-16	1	1
18 12.1	31	9.1	44	22	12	-17	1	2	17	1	1	1
19 12.6	25	9.5	26	20	4	-12	1	2	12	-21	1	1
20 14.2	22	10.5	14	22	10	10	1	2	10	5	-9	1
21 15.9	21	9.0	5	23	15	15	1	2	15	9	-7	1
22 17.6	19	13.1	-1	24	17	15	1	2	15	11	-1	1
23 17.8	19	13.1	-1	23	18	11	1	2	11	11	-1	1
24 17.8	19	14.2	-6	23	18	11	1	2	11	11	0	1

VK WEST — SOUTH PACIFIC

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7	14	21	28	1	8	15	22	29
1 21.7	18	17.2	-12	16	19	16	1	2	16	1	1	1
2 21.7	15	17.5	-1	16	16	16	1	2	16	1	1	1
3 22.0	15	16.3	-1	17	19	17	1	2	17	1	1	1
4 22.0	15	16.1	-1	37	20	17	1	2	17	1	1	1
5 21.7	15	15.7	-1	29	27	17	1	2	17	1	1	1
6 21.9	18	17.9	-17	23	23	19	1	2	19	1	1	1
7 21.8	20	17.7	0	28	26	21	1	2	21	1	1	1
8 22.0	22	17.9	16	33	29	24	1	2	24	1	1	1
9 21.8	24	17.9	33	37	31	25	1	2	25	1	1	1
10 21.2	25	17.9	44	40	38	25	1	2	25	1	1	1
11 20.5	26	16.4	45	40	32	21	1	2	21	1	1	1
12 20.2	26	16.0	45	40	31	21	1	2	21	1	1	1
13 18.9	28	15.0	52	40	31	21	1	2	21	1	1	1
14 16.3	24	14.4	51	39	29	19	1	2	19	1	1	1
15 17.2	29	13.3	51	37	28	15	1	2	15	1	1	1
16 15.9	30	12.2	50	35	27	11	1	2	11	1	1	1
17 15.7	30	12.2	46	33	27	10	1	2	10	1	1	1
18 14.8	30	11.2	42	39	24	19	1	2	19	6	-10	1
19 14.7	28	11.1	30	28	25	18	1	2	18	4	-11	1
20 15.4	28	11.5	21	24	22	18	1	2	18	6	-7	1
21 17.3	19	13.6	-6	22	18	11	1	2	11	1	1	1
22 19.5	17	14.7	-21	20	19	15	1	2	15	6	8	1
23 21.0	17	16.1	-32	19	20	16	1	2	16	1	1	1
24 21.4	16	17.7	-36	17	17	13	1	2	13	1	1	1

VK EAST — AFRICA

JTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7	14	21	28	1	8	15	22	29
1 15.3	15	32	14	18	18.1	21.2	24.9	1	2	1	1	1
2 14.1	17	10.8	11	12	12	12	12	1	2	1	1	1
3 14.5	15	11.0	4	10	13	13	13	1	2	1	1	1
4 16.7	8	12.5	2	8	3	-4	4	16.2	11	13.8	-17	1
5 16.8	7	13.4	-	7	7	2	5	19.0	10	13.6	-	1
6 16.0	7	13.3	-	6	6	1	6	19.1	9	13.5	-	1
7 16.1	7	13.4	-	6	6	1	7	18.0	8	13.5	-	1
8 16.0	7	13.3	-	6	6	1	7	18.0	8	13.5	-	1
9 16.0	7	13.3	-	6	6	1	7	18.0	8	13.5	-	1
10 16.8	10	13.2	-	7	7	3	10	19.3	11	13.6	-	1
11 16.8	13	13.2	-	11	13	3	11	18.9	13	13.6	-	1
12 16.1	15	13.4	-34	15	15	10	2	12.8	16	12.7	-	1
13 16.3	15	13.2	-15	15	15	10	2	12.8	16	12.7	-	1
14 16.8	20	12.8	3	23	19	10	3	14	17	17	-17	1
15 16.1	24	12.3	24	18	10	-9	22	17	10	-1	14	16.3
16 15.2	27	11.7	35	29	18	-7	16.5	24	11.2	27	19	10
17 14.4	28	11.1	40	29	17	-5	17	14.9	20	17	-2	1
18 13.9	30	10.8	43	29	15	-2	18.3	20	10.3	43	14	-13
19 13.7	30	10.5	46	29	15	-1	18.4	20	10.2	43	14	-13
20 13.4	29	10.2	47	29	15	-1	18.5	20	10.1	43	14	-13
21 13.7	28	9.4	28	25	13	-18	21	14.7	27	20.2	18	-18
22 13.4	23	9.3	-13	20	10	-17	22	14.4	25	23	18	-18
23 13.5	23	9.3	-2	17	8	-1	18.5	22.4	15	23	18	-18
24 14.1	15	9.8	-16	15	9	-12	24	15.2	18	10.7	5	-7

VK SOUTH — AFRICA

UTC	MUF	dBu	FOT	7	14	21	28	1	8	15	22	29
1 19.8	14	15.8	-	14	16	12	5	5	22	23	16	-37
2 19.7	14	15.8	-	14	16	12	5	7	24	23	16	-37
3 20.6	14	16.3	-	15	16	12	5	7	24	23	16	-37
4 20.6	14	17.0	-	17	18	15	8	8	25	26	16	-37
5 20.9	15	17.0	-	18	17	14	8	8	25	26	16	-37
6 21.7	24	27	-28	26	22	6	20.9	26	20	16	8	-28
7 21.7	24	27	-28	26	22	6	20.9	26	20	16	8	-28
8 21.7	24	27	-28	26	22	6	20.9	26	20	16	8	-28
9 21.9	23	31	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
10 21.1	23	31	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
11 22.2	23	31	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
12 22.2	23	31	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
13 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
14 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
15 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
16 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
17 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
18 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
19 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
20 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23	18	9	-28
21 22.8	24	32	-21	21	21	6	20.5	26	23</td			

VK EAST — EUROPE

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	9.3	2	7.3	-21	-18	-20	-18	-18
2	8.3	3	7.2	-24	-15	-20	-18	-18
3	9.1	-15	6.2	-26	-11	-15	-20	-18
4	6.8	13	6.5	-26	0	-11	-20	-18
5	11.4	-6	6.0	-26	1	-4	-13	-29
6	14.9	2	11.9	-	1	-2	-2	-13
7	17.9	6	14.3	-	1	-5	-4	-3
8	20.3	9	17.3	-	1	-6	-4	-3
9	12.6	12	17.7	-	12	15	17	-
10	22.6	16	17.9	-14	23	22	16	11
11	22.3	18	18.0	13	30	26	21	12
12	21.3	20	17.1	30	34	27	20	19
13	19.4	22	15.5	34	34	25	18	4
14	15.5	24	14.5	42	39	19	7	3
15	13.7	26	10.9	43	24	7	-6	-31
16	11.0	28	9.0	40	13	-10	-32	-
17	9.4	29	7.4	37	3	-26	-	-
18	8.5	30	6.5	-5	-	-	-	-
19	8.2	30	6.4	-34	-5	-	-	-
20	8.2	30	6.3	-34	-5	-	-	-
21	8.5	27	6.2	-27	-39	-	-	-
22	6.5	17	6.5	15	-30	-	-	-
23	9.2	9	7.1	0	-18	-	-	-
24	9.6	4	7.5	-12	1	-14	-	-

VK SOUTH — EUROPE

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	10.0	4	7.7	-16	2	-11	-27	-
2	9.0	5	7.6	-24	0	-14	-30	-
3	9.5	6	7.5	-28	0	-14	-30	-
4	9.6	-10	7.3	-	0	-8	-20	-39
5	12.6	-2	10.1	-	-1	-8	-5	-21
6	18.5	3	13.3	-	0	3	1	-7
7	19.5	6	15.7	-	-1	-8	-5	-9
8	21.3	8	16.2	-	-1	-8	-5	-9
9	21.8	11	17.5	-	-1	-8	-5	-9
10	21.3	14	17.2	-	8	14	14	10
11	20.8	17	18.7	-37	18	19	17	11
12	20.1	22	16.1	2	28	25	20	12
13	19.4	23	15.5	30	33	26	19	8
14	15.5	23	13.5	37	31	21	11	-3
15	14.5	24	11.5	41	21	11	-3	-22
16	11.7	28	9.6	41	17	-4	-24	-
17	10.1	29	7.9	38	8	-18	-	-
18	8.1	30	7.1	37	1	-29	-	-
19	8.9	30	6.9	36	0	-32	-	-
20	8.9	29	6.9	36	0	-34	-	-
21	8.8	28	6.8	36	0	-33	-	-
22	8.5	27	6.6	20	-4	-33	-	-
23	9.0	23	6.0	14	7.0	9	6	-23
24	10.3	10	7.9	-5	5	-11	-28	-

VK WEST — EUROPE

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	10.5	13	8.1	3	5	-13	-32	-
2	9.5	12	7.0	-10	2	-18	-37	-
3	9.9	12	6.7	-20	0	-20	-36	-
4	10.3	3	7.8	-34	0	-10	-24	-
5	13.7	-	10.9	-	2	10.9	15	-21
6	18.0	6	14.5	-	2	15	5	-3
7	21.2	7	17.1	-	1	8	8	-7
8	21.2	7	17.1	-	1	8	8	-7
9	20.0	8	18.1	-	1	8	8	-7
10	20.0	9	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
11	20.0	10	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
12	20.0	11	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
13	20.0	12	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
14	20.0	13	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
15	20.0	14	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
16	20.0	15	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
17	20.0	16	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
18	20.0	17	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
19	20.0	18	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
20	20.0	19	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
21	20.0	20	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
22	20.0	21	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
23	20.0	22	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8
24	20.0	23	19.2	-	2	11	11	-8

VK EAST — EUROPE (Long Path)

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	8.9	-9	6.7	-30	0	-10	-23	-
2	9.5	-3	7.2	-25	1	-1	-29	-
3	9.9	2	7.6	-25	0	-13	-30	-
4	8.6	5	7.1	-11	0	-14	-30	-
5	8.7	9	7.0	-16	-	-	-	-
6	8.1	11	8.4	8	-2	-24	-	-
7	9.1	22	7.2	23	-4	-19	-	-
8	11.8	25	9.4	32	17	-1	-17	-
9	12.8	26	8.8	30	22	9	3	-22
10	13.2	26	8.8	30	22	12	17	-36
11	16.2	26	8.8	30	22	12	17	-36
12	17.7	8	14.0	-	1	-8	-27	-
13	16.9	4	13.7	-	1	-8	-27	-
14	16.0	0	12.4	-	1	-8	-27	-
15	15.1	-4	11.8	-	1	-8	-27	-
16	14.5	-6	11.7	-	1	-8	-27	-
17	14.2	-7	10.7	-	1	-8	-27	-
18	14.1	-6	11.1	-	1	-8	-27	-
19	11.4	-14	8.9	-	1	-8	-27	-
20	9.8	-22	7.6	-	1	-8	-27	-
21	8.5	-31	6.8	-	1	-8	-27	-
22	8.5	-28	6.5	-	1	-20	-37	-
23	8.4	-19	6.4	-4	-26	8	-20	-37
24	8.5	-15	6.5	-34	0	-22	-37	-

VK SOUTH — EUROPE (Long Path)

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	8.3	-12	6.3	-26	-1	-13	-26	-
2	8.9	-6	6.8	-23	0	-13	-26	-
3	9.2	0	7.1	-16	0	-14	-30	-
4	8.6	-4	6.8	-26	0	-16	-36	-
5	7.8	-	6.8	-	0	-	-	-
6	7.4	-	9.5	8	-10	-26	-	-
7	8.1	-	7.1	-	0	-	-	-
8	10.3	-	8.1	-	0	-	-	-
9	12.1	-	10.1	-	0	-	-	-
10	12.1	-	12.1	-	0	-	-	-
11	12.3	-	12.1	-	0	-	-	-
12	10.9	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
13	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
14	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
15	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
16	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
17	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
18	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
19	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
20	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
21	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
22	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
23	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16
24	12.0	-11	11.1	-17	11	8	4	-16

VK WEST — EUROPE (Long Path)

UTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	8.0	-36	6.1	-11	-21	-31	-32	-
2	8.5	-17	6.8	-35	-3	-13	-25	-
3	8.7	-17	6.8	-31	-3	-13	-27	-
4	8.7	-17	6.8	-31	-3	-13	-27	-
5	7.4	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
6	7.0	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
7	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
8	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
9	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
10	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
11	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
12	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
13	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
14	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
15	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
16	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
17	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
18	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
19	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
20	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
21	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
22	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
23	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-
24	7.5	-	5.4	-6	-5	-15	-34	-

VK EAST — USA/CARIBBEAN

JTC	MUF	dBU	FOT	7.1	14.2	18.1	21.2	24.9
1	15.3	4	11.5	-	5	1	-3	-
2	14.5	10	9.5	-2	0	-14	-30	-
3	11.9							

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